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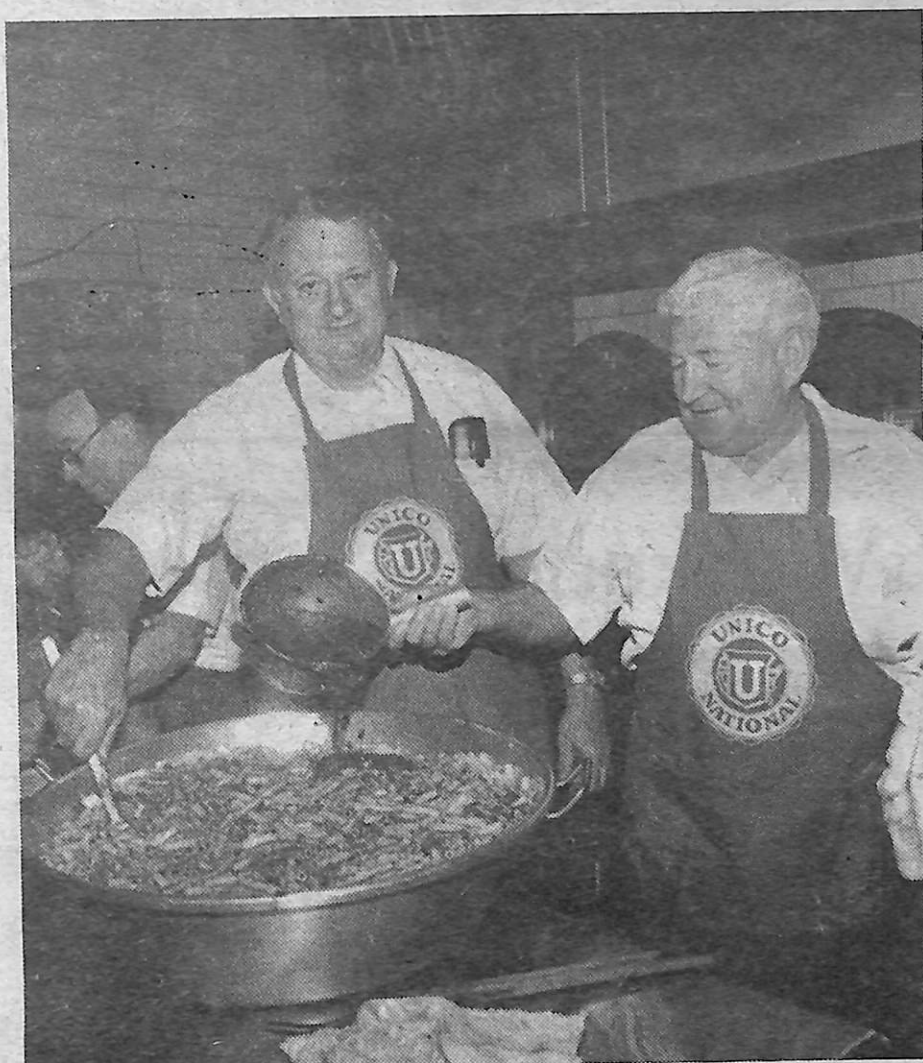
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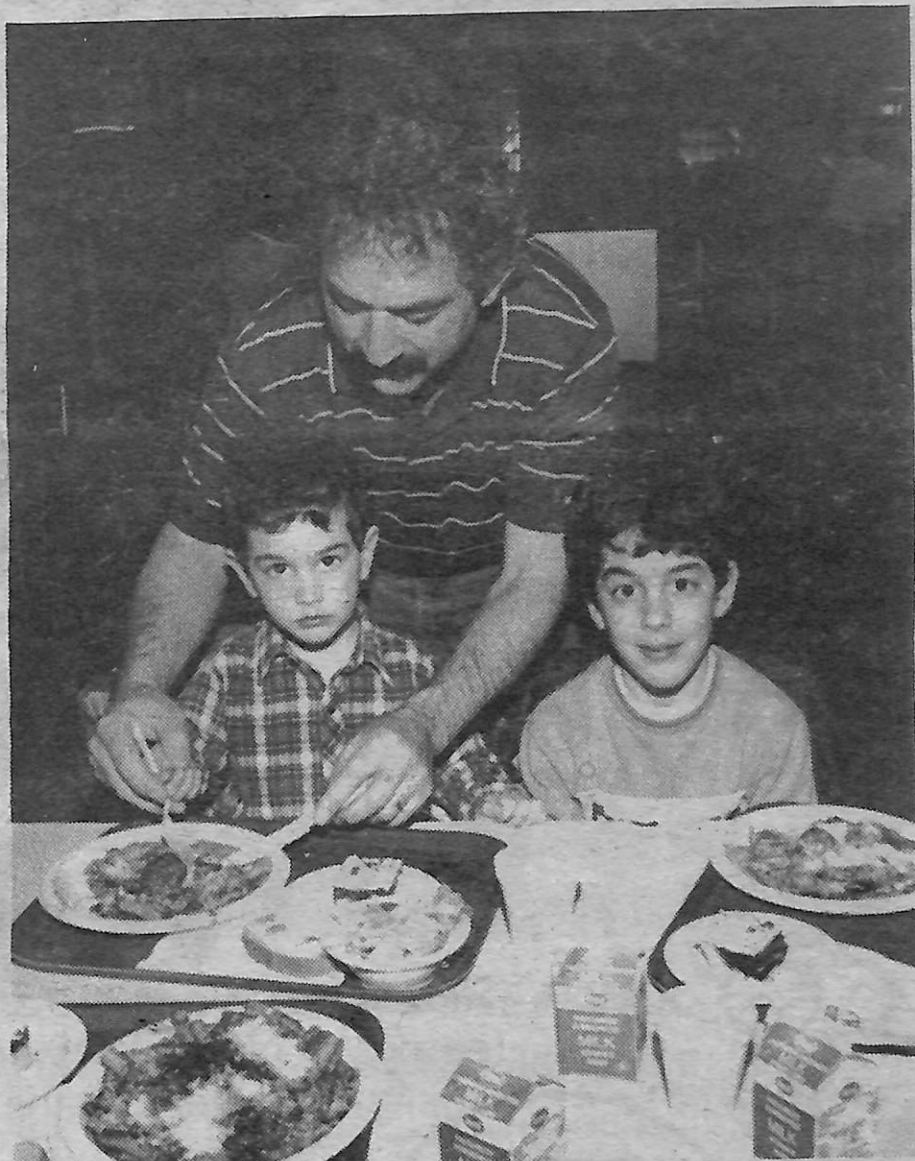
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Another Macaroni Dinner For UNICO



POPULAR LOCAL CHEF ED BORGATTI, owner of EB's Specialty Chicken, is a long-time Agawam UNICO member. Borgatti lent his expertise in the kitchen at the club's Annual Macaroni Dinner March 5th. Assisting Borgatti is member Charlie Calabrese (right). Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.



STEVE ROVITHIS of Agawam assists his two sons, Adam and Steven, with their food at the Agawam UNICO Macaroni Dinner. (CENTER FOLD INSIDE).

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Borgatti Upset About Constant Delays...

Town Officials Go To Boston About Rte. 57

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Town officials met in Boston last week with state Department of Public Works Director Jane Garvey to discuss the status of the Route 57 Extension Project.

Among those in attendance were State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam), Town Manager Reid S. Charles, Planning Director Deborah Dachos, and Route 57 committee members Edward Borgatti, David Skolnick, and Christopher Johnson, all members of Town Council.

Borgatti told us he remains "extremely upset" about the constant delays that have held-up construction of the extension project.

Borgatti said that at the meeting in Boston, Ms. Dachos named Thomas Orsach, a state DEQE employee who works in the DEQE's regional office in Springfield, as being the individual who is responsible

for delaying the road for environmental reasons.

Borgatti said he felt that the small minority of residents in Agawam who are working against the project may be working with Orsach, based on Ms. Dachos' comments.

Borgatti said Mrs. Garvey told the Agawam delegation that the state Division of Environmental Quality Engineering is approving the first phase of the projected construction on Route 57.

Mrs. Garvey, said Borgatti, also told the group that the project should go out to bid this fall.

It is expected, Borgatti said, that the first phase will take two years to complete. Borgatti said the second phase of the project will begin immediately after completion of phase one. The section second of the road will be built to the Southwick line.

Borgatti explained that present delays in the final completion of the present Route 57 center around Leonard Pond on South West Street. Conservationists have created road blocks by involving the federal Environmental Protection Agency in this web of bureaucracy, says Borgatti.

Debates over whether to get a new Environmental Impact Study has caused delays, as well as delays created by the Army Corps of Engineers' Permit 404, which deals with navigable waterways. In essence, Leonard Pond is being considered a "navigable waterway."

Also of concern are a species of ducks on Leonard Pond that have given conservationists another device to delay the road, according to Borgatti.

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Another ramification of the Route 57 saga, according to Borgatti, involves the displacement of residents who once lived along Garden Street and Shoemaker Lane. The state has bought land along this corridor and removed some residents from their homes.

"These people want to know why they were moved and their homes were taken over when nothing is being done. These people lost money on their property because the value is now worth \$10,000 to \$20,000 more now than it was when the state took the property over. I even understand some of these people haven't received their money from the state yet," Borgatti said.

Borgatti blamed the state bureaucracy for the hold-ups, adding, "No one in Boston wants to take this bull by the horns. We have been waiting for Route 57 for about 25 years. We get promises but no action. Isn't it time we laid Route 57 politics to rest before we have to lay another Route 57 fatality to rest?"

According to statistics provided by the Agawam Police Department, from July 1st, 1979 to January 30th, 1986, 967 accidents have occurred on Route 57, including nine deaths. Statistics also prove that every year the accident rate increases.

According to Safety Officer, Sergeant Al Longhi, these figures do not include the accidents that are not reported. Longhi figures about 300 more accidents have occurred that did not involve police. He said accidents are only reported when \$1,000 in damage has occurred, or if an injury is caused by the accident.

"There are more accidents per mile on that road (Route 57) than any other road in town. And it's only getting worse."

Borgatti said he told the state, "You are concerned about a few ducks. What about the bodies that are picked-off Route 57 every year?"

Volunteer.



American Heart Association

Rheault's Jail Resolution Passes

by Dale Fiske
Advertiser News Staff

Town Council President Donald Rheault's resolution to oppose a potential site in Agawam for the new Hampden County Prison and support a proposed Taylor Street site in Springfield got the green light from Town Council last week.

The resolution also states that the Town of Agawam supports the Taylor Street location "with appropriate funding."

Councilors voted 8-1-2 to pass the resolution. Councilors Paul Fieldstad and Benjamin Lockhart abstained. Councilor Edward A. Caba was the only councilor to dissent.

Rheault also revealed at presstime that the County Commission has sent him a letter supporting the council's resolution. "We are in total agreement with your recent vote locate to locate the jail in Springfield," Commissioners wrote, "We will do everything we can so it will be successful."

Springfield Mayor Richard Neal suggested the Taylor Street site several months ago and has received the vigorous support of the Hampden County Commission and most area officials. "I think that since Springfield and Mayor Neal have taken the lead to place the county facility on Taylor Street funding is critical to site location," Rheault said.

In explaining his objections to the resolution, Caba stated, "I have a problem with this council telling someone where they want the jail located. I think reference to the Taylor Street site or the funding as pointed out by Councilor Rheault should be eliminated from (the) resolution."

Rheault asked Caba, "What site (for the new jail) specifically did (you) have in mind other than the two sites mentioned? Caba responded, "I don't have any sites as to where they are going to be."

Caba said that state red tape may continue to delay

the selection of a site and that a committee should be appointed to further review the issue.

Rheault then told Caba, "The only two locations mentioned by the state are in Agawam and at the Taylor Street land. No one has come up with any other locations in their discussions. Mayor Neal of Springfield has come forward and said Taylor Street is where he'd like it. Taylor Street is a very serious consideration. Springfield would take it."

Rheault added, "I see nothing offensive in this resolution. Quite frankly, I am still taken back by Caba's comments because I am not sure where he is coming from."

The state and the Hampden County Commission have been searching for well over a year for a location to build the new county jail, which was then price-tagged at about \$50 million. The City of Springfield owns the land on Taylor Street, while the county owns several sites in Agawam that have been mentioned as potential sites for the new jail. One site in town mentioned is adjacent to the police training academy on South Westfield Street.

Last year Town Council also sent a resolution to the City of Springfield and the County Commission voicing Agawam's opposition to hosting the new jail. That effort was also spearheaded by Rheault.

The new resolution passed last week by Town Council states, "Taylor Street is by far the most suitable location. It provides necessary utilities and services required for the property operation of such a facility."

"The Agawam sites under consideration do not provide the required services, accessibility, or utilities in an economically feasible environment. Therefore, the Town of Agawam reaffirms the previous vote to notify officials of Hampden County that Agawam is strongly opposed to this community being host for the new Hampden County Jail. We support efforts to locate the jail on the Taylor Street site with appropriate funding."

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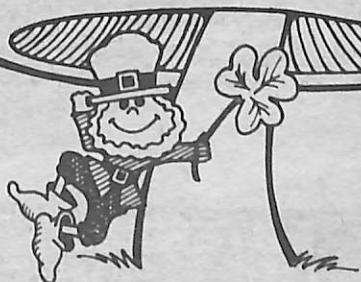


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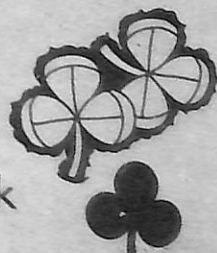
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Dog Officer Bob Burke Asks Residents For Cooperation In Task

by Robert Burke
Animal Control Officer

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"The dog has a nice new collar, is well-groomed, and is sometimes friendly; but there is no identification on its collar and when it ends up in the town kennel, no one comes to claim the animal.

"If you have a dog and care enough to give it a home, a name, and feed it, then please attach some form of identification to its collar (in addition to its license and rabies tag, with your name, address, and phone number in case your dog breaks loose from your property).

"This will be helpful to a neighbor who finds your dog and can give you a call to tell you where it's been found so you can pick-up your dog (instead of having to go through the procedure of retrieving your dog from the kennel).

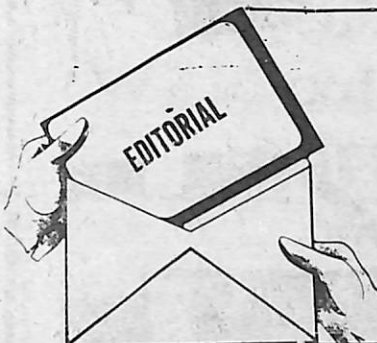
"Your dog is missing? Call the Agawam Police Station and give your name and phone number along with a description of your dog and the location where it is missing from. I will contact you about your dog. Believe me, I am more than happy to see these pets get back to their rightful owners.

"As a point of interest to all Agawam dog owners or keepers, the new 1988 dog licenses are at the Town Clerk's office. The fees are as follows: Male, \$10; Neutered male, \$4; Female, \$10; and Spayed female, \$4.

"When you come in for your dog's license, you will need a rabies vaccination certificate from a licensed veterinarian. This license may very well be the best gift you can give your pet this year!"



NEW TOWN DOG OFFICER ROBERT BURKE says he can be reached by calling the Agawam Police Department. He says service will be his trademark in his new job. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LETTERS

to
the
EDITOR

Granger PTO Thanks Supporters To The Editor:

Granger PTO held its Annual Record Hop, Saturday, March 12th, to raise money for its scholarship fund. The evening was successful thanks to all who supported the PTO.

We would like to especially thank the following businesses for their donations: Polish American Club, Underwood Press, Country Mouse House, Ensign Cooper's Gift Shop, Riverside Park, Take Five, Feeding Hills Florist, Korner Flower Shoppe, Agawam Flower Shop, Country Flowers & Gift Shop, Beautiful Hair Ltd., Peterjans, Clay City Ceramics, Major Video, The Rollaway, Inc., Rack N Cue-Agawam Bowl, E.B.'s Specialty Chicken, Village Package Store, Crossroads Furniture, Feeding Hills Pharmacy, Betty's-in-the-Parch, Gino's Package, Agawam Spirit Shoppe, Margaritaville, Partners, Wimpy's, Christos, Liberty Package Store, Basketball Hall of Fame, and D.J. Ken Hill.

Sincerely,
Granger PTO

Cemetery Notice

The Feeding Hills Cemetery Association, Inc., requests all winter decorations in the Springfield Street Cemetery, that you wish to save, must be removed by April 1st, 1988. Spring cleanup will begin shortly after.

LEGAL NOTICE

**TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS**

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of ROLAND AND RUTH NAVONE who are seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-7 and 20-11 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the alteration and enlargement of a non-conforming use at the premises identified as 70 RAMAH CIRCLE, NORTH.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
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Police Arrest 17, Take 248 Calls Last Week

Crime Prevention Office Wayne Macey today released the following crime statistics for week ending Sunday, March 13th. Activity included 248 calls answered and 17 arrests.

Other activity included three assault and batteries, three breaking and entering, 23 larcenies, eight malicious damage, 26 nuisance persons, 25 suspicious activity, 16 alarms (15 false), 18 property damage due to accidents, three personal injuries due to accidents, and three Fire Department assists.

Also, 20 ambulance assists, 16 citizen assists, 13 disturbances, 10 disabled motor vehicles, six missing persons (five returned), five civil disturbances, one insecure building, three towed motor vehicles, seven traffic complaints, five dog complaints, and 27 miscellaneous calls.

On March 7th, **Linda A. Atkinson**, 571 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an Agawam Police Department warrant for failure to appear in court. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Mark Poggi.

On March 7th, **Jose Rivera**, 4 Harrison Avenue, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Holyoke Police Department warrant for shoplifting. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak and Michael Gruska.

On March 8th, **Douglas Goodman**, 126 Amherst Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier and Richard Conlon.

On March 8th, **Henry Bergeron**, 31 Uniondale Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant for assault and battery. Arresting officers were Daniel Ciak and Michael Gruska.

On March 9th, **Steven Pinette**, 81 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant for default. Arresting officers were Steven Draghetti and Donald Gallerani.

On March 11th, **Stuart Tappa**, 26 Remington Court, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Michael Gruska.

On March 12th, **Christopher Nichols**, 73 Ottawa Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor transporting alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Joe Edwards.

On March 12th, **Ernest Berrier**, 59 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with refusing to produce a license and an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Joe Edwards.

On March 12th, **Richard T. Palin**, 1825 N.E. 4th Avenue, Miami, Florida, was arrested and charged with outstanding Agawam Police Department warrants. Arresting officers were Richard Curry and Peter Bertera.

On March 12th, **Maurice E. Bigras**, 11 Randall Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with assault and battery. Arresting officers were Peter Bertera and Mark Poggi.

On March 13th, **Angel L. Ramos**, 31 Sumit Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Springfield Police Department warrant for traffic offenses. Arresting officer was Richard Curry.

Juvenile Crime

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

When thinking in terms of crime prevention and what we can do to promote increased security and peace of mind, careful consideration must be given to juveniles, who are responsible for better than 50 percent of all crimes vs. property. Vandalism, auto theft, house, and business breaks and shoplifting are some of the crimes in which juveniles are demonstrating increased participation. Combine this with the alarming fact that the state of Massachusetts is woefully lacking in the area of juvenile justice, and we find ourselves faced with a major problem for which law enforcement has no immediate answer.

We, as parents, must shoulder the major portion of responsibility for the actions of our children, because as reluctant as we may be to accept it, mom and dad are now, and have always been the bottom line.

During the very early stages of their lives and on into the formative years, our children look to us for love and support. It is during these times that our attention to detail is most important. They will develop habits and attitudes according to what they see, hear, and experience at home. A direction will be established and the course will have been charted. Kids need and demand an abundance of attention and understanding, and if that need is not filled at home, it will more than likely be satisfied on the street.

What is important to remember at this point is that no one loves our children as we do, and if someone is paying special attention to them, motives have to be questioned. It is when the kids start to mistake drugs, sex, and money for love and understanding that our crime rate starts to soar. We as parents can no longer answer the question, "It's 11:00 p.m., do you know where your children are."

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Meet The Agawam Police... Officer Robert Marsh Familiar To Motorists

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

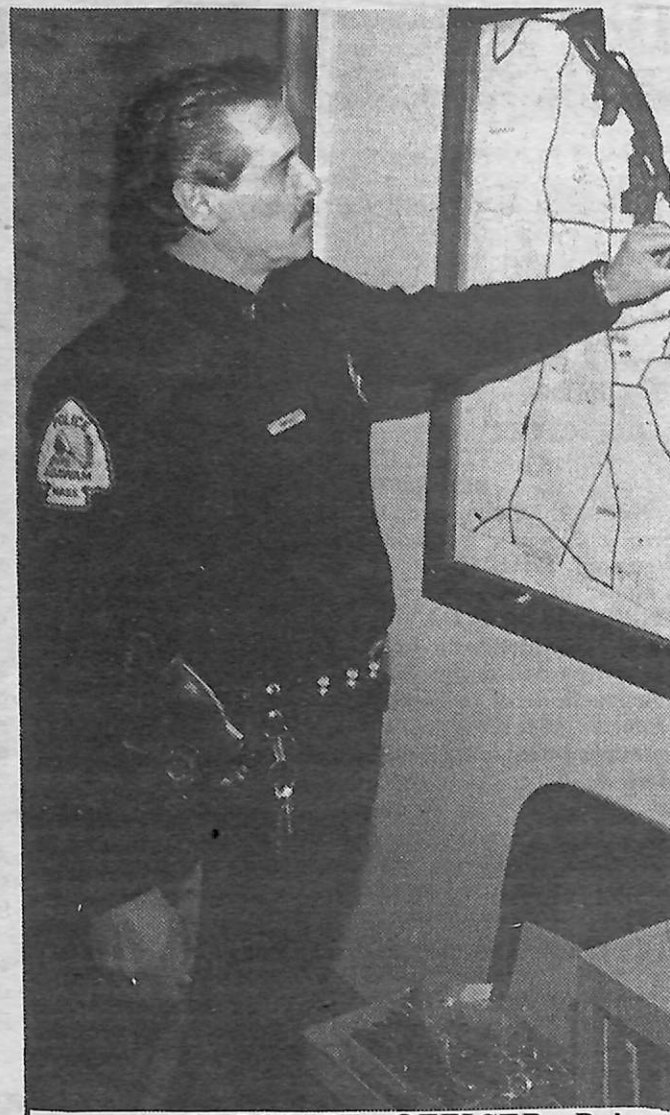
Police Officer Robert Marsh was appointed to the department in February 1975. He has spent 11½ of his 13 years assigned to the Traffic Bureau where he presently works on the 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. shift.

His primary responsibilities are that of accident investigator, traffic control, assistant safety officer, and liaison officer to the parking clerk in town.

Bob graduated from the Framingham State Police Academy where he was instructed in all areas of police work. A graduate of Agawam High School (he wouldn't tell me what year), he later attended Springfield Technical Community College where he received his associate's degree in law enforcement.

In addition to his many classes in law enforcement, Bob has attended schools for the following: radar and motor vehicle law enforcement, on scene accident investigation, accident reconstruction, radar instructor's course, safety officers teaching techniques, motor cycle operation and enforcement, bus accident investigation, driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol, vehicular homicide investigation, school of handguns, PR-24 (use of nightstick), breathalyzer operation, juvenile crime prevention, suicide prevention, and identi-kit school.

Bob currently resides in Feeding Hills with his wife, Louise, and their four children, three girls and a boy (ages 13 to 25). He is considered an authority in the field of accident investigation and traffic control related matters. His appearance and demeanor have been a constant source of pride to the department, and his high standards help set the example for new officers fresh out of the academy.



AGAWAM POLICE OFFICER Robert Marsh of the department's Traffic Bureau.

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JUVENILE CRIME - From Page 5...

Divorce is more prevalent today than at any other time in our history. In homes where two people have managed to stay together, they are often both employed. The family as a unit is fast taking a backseat to the struggle to survive, and with this shift in priorities, we have a change in values. Teachers have a primary responsibility to educate and police officers are expected to enforce the law.

While we can expect some help from these sources, it is a mistake to depend on them for the entire package. If we as parents are entitled to claim credit for the successes of our children, then by the same token we have an obligation to share in the blame for their defeats.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE

FIRE-WISE - by Fire Chief Rusty Jenks

Clean It Up For Your Own Protection!

Spring! Ah...the weather and our hearts thaw as spring breaks through. It's a time that many of us attack clutter around our homes as a ritual of spring. Winter months can bring accumulated debris throughout your home and the coming of spring signals time to do something about it.

Bulky blankets and outdoor clothing, snow shovels, boots and other wintery needs now seem in the way. The Agawam Fire Department suggests you take a critical look around your home to reduce fire risks.

Without our realizing it, spring cleaning is a fire safety activity. Because the old saying is all too true: clutter gives fire a place to start. Most of the winter debris that accumulates over the cold months isn't only unsightly, it's flammable. So, cleaning it up reduces the chances that a fire will start in your home.

Now is the time to get rid of those holiday gift boxes you didn't know what to do with. They build up, get in the way, and invite fire. If you've been collecting newspapers, haul them off to the recycler. Or, call the scouts to find out if they plan a fundraising newspaper drive soon.

Find and dispose of oily and other flammable rags. This is a good time to start a fresh shoe-polishing rag. And those cloths you used to wipe up after fueling the snowblower or snowmobile should be disposed of before they can heat up.

It doesn't have to be very warm in your garage or storage area for oily rags to heat up, all by themselves, and start a fire. Even the rags you use with furniture polish or spray are dangerous and should be replaced.

Those snowblowers and snowmobiles, as well as

portable heaters, should be put safely away. That means having them checked for safety by a reputable repair shop and drained of their fuel before storing away.

Go through your family storage areas. Overstuffed attics, basements, and closets invite fire. Try to throw away what you really don't use. Or how about a garage sale the next pleasant, spring weekend? If you can't bear to part with things, consider renting space at a mini-warehouse, self-storage facility. At the very least, straighten things up and be sure everything is at least three feet from furnaces, water heaters, and other heat sources.

This might be a good time, too, to replace your smoke detector's battery. Have your portable fire extinguishers serviced. And review the condition of your appliance cords.

It doesn't have to be pure drudgery. If you approach spring cleaning with a sense of humor, it can turn out to be an amusing family project. Have some fun; laugh at yourselves. Certainly, there's something funny about some of the things we keep around our homes. And there must be humorous memories of the past winter that you'll remember while you're storing that cold-weather equipment away until next year.

Don't let parts of your home become tempting fuel for a fire. Spring cleaning is a chance for you to make your family's lifestyle more fire-safe.

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IRS Gives More Tax Tips As Tax-Season Winds Down

Circulated by the Boston office of the Internal Revenue Service, these are typical questions asked by taxpayers and are presented as a public service.

Q. I receive a full scholarship that covers tuition, fees, books, room and board. I am a degree candidate. Isn't it true that all this money is tax free to me?

A. No. Only the scholarship amount used for qualified tuition and related expenses is tax-free. This would include any fees for enrollment and attendance and related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment. The amount used for room and board must be included in your gross income. This is the rule for scholarships received after 1986 that were granted after August 16th, 1986. Different rules apply for earlier scholarships.

Q. I received a \$1,000 award for my charity work with the handicapped children last year. Must I report this as income on my return?

A. Yes. The exclusion for certain prizes and awards for charitable, scientific, artistic and similar achievements is changed and will apply (beginning in

1987) only if:

- 1) The recipient was selected without any action on his or her part to enter the contest,
- 2) The recipient is not required to render substantial future services as a condition of receiving the prize or award, and
- 3) The prize or award is transferred directly to a governmental unit or tax-exempt charitable organization.

Q. How does the new law affect the sale of capital assets?

A. For tax years beginning before 1987, you could exclude 60 percent of net long-term capital gain from income. Starting in 1987, capital gains will be taxed at the same rates as ordinary income, with a maximum rate of 28 percent.

Q. Could you give me an example? Let's say I sold some land which I had owned for three years and made a profit of \$10,000. How would the profit be taxed under the new law in effect after 1986?

A. For the tax years before 1986, the \$10,000 profit would have been a long-term capital gain. Therefore, if

the land was the only capital asset you sold that year, you would have been taxed on 40 percent, or \$4,000, of the capital gain. After 1986, you will be taxed on the entire \$10,000. However, the maximum rate of tax is 28 percent.

Q. What if in 1987 I only have capital losses, or I have more capital losses than capital gains?

A. In both cases, you are allowed to take up to \$3,000 in capital losses against ordinary income. Also, starting in 1987, any excess of net long-term capital loss over net short-term capital gain is allowed in full against ordinary income. Before 1987, only half of this excess was allowed. Unused capital losses may be carried forward to the next year's return.

Q. Where can I find more information on the changes in the rules for deduction of business expenses for 1987?

A. Information can be found in free IRS Publication 921, "Explanation of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 for Business." You may obtain the publication by calling 1-800-424-3676, or by using the order blank in your tax forms package.

DA's Office Hosts Local Legislators; Explain Justice Problems

Hampden County Legislators immersed themselves in criminal justice problems at the First Annual District Attorney Legislative Brunch Friday, March 11th.

Last Friday at the Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, the Hampden County District Attorney's Office hosted a brunch for the Hampden County Legislative delegation. Topics for discussion included District and Superior Court court prosecution and special child abuse prosecutive unit.

Guest panelists included District Court Judges Alphonse Turcotte and George Bregianes; Springfield City Solicitor Richard Egan; Dr. Edward Bailey from Baystate Medical; and District Attorney Matthew J. Ryan and Assistant District Attorneys Hal Etkin, William Walsh, and Edward Fogarty.

The Hampden County District Attorney's Office is seeking funding for full-time prosecution in all outlying district courts. Hampden county cities and towns pay

for their own prosecution. Springfield City Solicitor Richard Egan notes that \$77,000 of his budget is being applied to district court prosecution.

Egan estimates that this costs Hampden County taxpayers \$250,000 to prosecute district court cases. These local funds are necessary to the efficient prosecution of misdemeanors because the legislature has not funded the District Attorney's Office in a manner that will allow prosecution of these cases by the District Attorney's Office. With the exception of Hampden County, all prosecution is funded by the state.

A second problem addressed by the group was the experimental program in Hampden County offering criminal defendants a one trial choice: either jury or jury-waived. Judges and prosecutors will discuss with legislators the crushing demand this much-needed reform has placed upon the criminal-justice system,

and what can be done to alleviate the problems.

The Hampden County District Attorney's Office was awarded a Federal Grant in 1985 for a Child Abuse Prosecutive unit. The site was one of nine selected nationally. Federal funding is ending this summer. The District Attorney's Office is applying for state funding to continue this proven program. Many other District Attorney's offices in the state are applying for funding modeling their program after Hampden County's.

Dr. Edward Bailey, a renowned child abuse expert at Baystate Medical, recognizes this unit as essential to the successful prosecution of child abusers with the least detrimental effects on the child. Vertical prosecution is utilized whereby the same prosecutor follows the case from district court, through grand jury, and to trial or other disposition. This procedure reduces the number of times the child has to retell the story.

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Tuesday, March 22nd
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 24th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 31st
Board of Appeals Meeting
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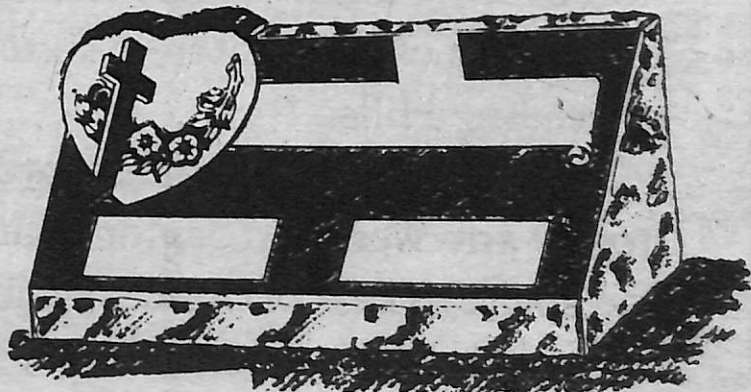
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Agawam Obituaries

Ralph I. Wood

Ralph I. Wood, 67, of 56 Elm Street, Agawam, a retired supervisor at Hamilton Standard Division of United Technologies Corporation, died in a local nursing home. He was a supervisor in the shipping department for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

Born in Lowell, he had lived in Agawam for many years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church, Hamilton Standard Retirees Club and Agawam Golden Agers. He was a staff sergeant serving with the 94th Fighter Control Squadron of the Army Air Forces in World War II.

He leaves his wife, the former Doris Letendre; two sons, Ralph A. of Westfield and Mark A. of West Springfield; two daughters, Donna Bullidini of Southwick and Mary Lou Amarosa of Agawam; his mother, Lillian (LeBlanc) Wood of Westfield, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was at Agawam Funeral Home and in St. Theresa's Church with burial at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Annunziata E. Tonelli

Annunziata E. (Nosoni) Tonelli, 98, of 14 Meadow Avenue, Agawam, died in Springfield Municipal Hospital.

Born in Pesero, Italy, she came to the United States 63 years ago and lived in Agawam for the past 19 years. She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield, and a former member of the Frattalanza Society, and the Marchegian Club. Her husband, Spartero Tonelli, died in 1969.

She leaves a son, Joseph of Springfield; a daughter, Louisa Masciotra of Feeding Hills; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Tazzini Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Rosa D. Gil

Rosa (DeAngos) Gil, 88, of Agawam, a retired employee of the former Rainbow Coat Company, Springfield, died in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. She was a seamstress for the company, retiring in 1966.

Born in Portugal, she came to this country in 1916. She lived in Springfield for 42 years before moving to Agawam eight years ago. She was a communicant of St. John's Church, and a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the Portuguese Continental Union. Her husband, Frank Gil, died in 1970.

She leaves a son, Manuel of Hudson, Florida; two daughters, Mary R. Parkman of Agawam and Inez R. Fuller of Wilbraham; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home and in Our Lady of Hope Church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, all in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA, 01104.

Margaret V. Charles

Margaret V. (Shaver) Charles, 88, formerly of Eldorado, Arkansas, and mother of Agawam Town Manager Reid S. Charles, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Weston, Texas, she lived in Arkansas and in Wichita, Kansas, before moving to Agawam three years ago. Her husband, Harry L. Charles, died in 1942.

Besides her son, she leaves a daughter, Margaret V. (Charles) Anderson of Plano, Texas; four sisters, Louise Pendelton and MayBelle Hopper, both of Eldorado, Myrtle Graham of Olathe, Kansas, and Ruth Means of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery, Feeding Hills.

Frances P. Balboni

Frances P. (Foti) Balboni, 85, of 60 Rhodes Avenue, Feeding Hills, died in a local nursing home.

Born in Reggio, Calabria, Italy, she lived in Feeding Hills for 30 years. Her husband, Antonio Balboni, died in 1980.

She leaves a daughter, Ethel Jarvis of Agawam; a brother, Gaetano Foti of Enfield; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1988 at 8:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. CHARLES J. BURLINGHAM who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20-64 (4) to allow for the construction of a substantial addition to an existing residence dwelling located in the Flood Plain area at the premises identified as 238 RIVER ROAD.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

Published: March 17, 1988

IN THE HOUSE - Bills For Senior Citizens

by State Rep. Michael P. Walsh
(D-Agawam)

The Legislature passed several bills during the 1987 legislative session which apply to the needs of our state's senior citizens, including legislation that provides further protection for the elderly, increases the number of elderly housing units for low and moderate income families, and encourages the development of retirement villages state-wide.

Some of the other bills which were passed and signed by the governor include:

Chapter 320 - An Act Relative to Guardians and Conservators.

This act removes "advanced age" as one of the conditions requiring the appointment of a guardian or conservator for an individual.

Chapter 621 - An Act Providing for Common Enrollment Dates for Supplemental Medicare Health Plans.

This legislation will coordinate the enrollment periods for HMO's and MEDEX which will reduce the confusion and gaps facing elders while they select their health insurance carrier. It also enables elderly in-

dividuals who belong to an HMO to convert to MEDEX if their HMO cancels their Medicare contract.

Chapter 632 - An Act Requiring Fire Education In Housing for the Elderly.

This provides adequate safety requirements for the protection of the public in the event of a fire in any building, including fire drill regulations for theaters, schools, hospitals, and elderly housing complexes.

Chapter 669 - An Act Further Regulating the Transfer of Ownership and Licenses of Convalescent and Nursing Homes, Infirmaries, or Other Health Care Facilities.

This Department of Public Health proposal will ensure that no one will operate a nursing home, rest home, etc., without being fully-licensed and approved by the Department of Public Health. During the review process, DPH will examine the licensee's financial capacity and past history of providing long-term health care.



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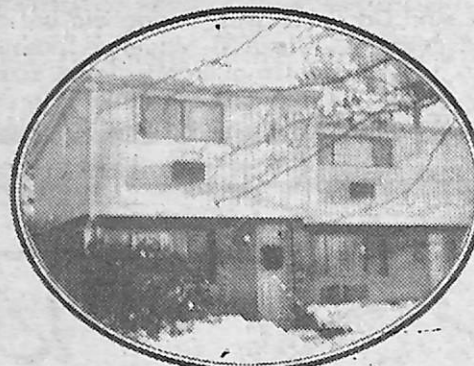
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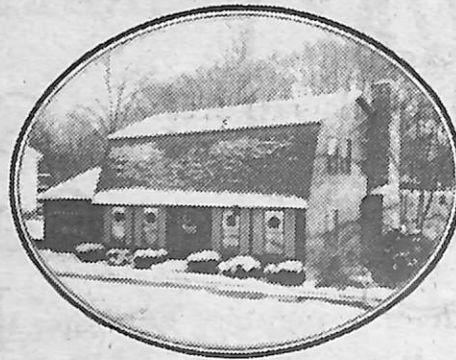
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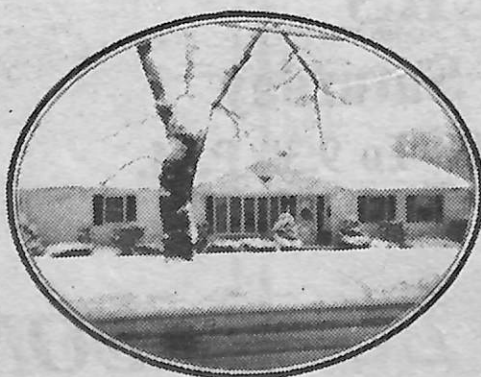
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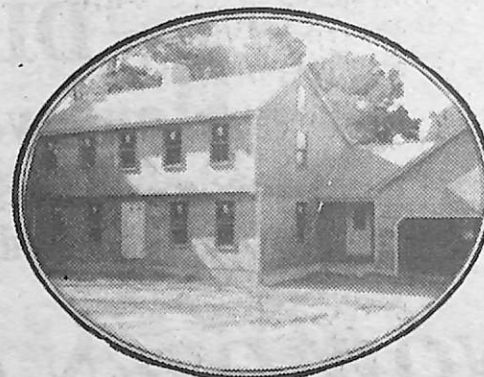
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FOUR PROUD GENERATIONS

The Alfredo DiMauro Family Announces Birth Of Son

Marie & Alfredo DiMauro of Agawam are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Alfredo III, born January 14th.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Richard & Ann Daglio of West Springfield are the maternal grandparents. Alfredo & Madeline DiMauro of Longmeadow are the paternal grandparents. Lizzie Daglio of Agawam is the proud maternal great-grandmother. (Something she says she's waited a long time for!!)

Vicki Lynn Darrah Engaged To Gregory James Barker

Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Brothers, Jr., of 2 Tower Hill Road, Brimfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Vicki Lynn Darrah, to Gregory James Barker. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles B. Barker of 22 Duclos Drive, Feeding Hills.

The future bride is a 1985 graduate of Tantasqua High School, and she attended Bay Path Junior College. She is employed by South Central Massachusetts Rehabilitative Resources, Sturbridge.

The groom-to-be is a 1986 graduate of Agawam High School, and is employed by Budget Cabinet Sales, Agawam.

The wedding is planned for March 31st, 1990.

Allstate Insurance Company Opens Feeding Hills Office

Allstate Insurance Company recently opened a new sales office at 525 Springfield Street, Suite J, Feeding Hills. Allstate, a subsidiary of Sears, Roebuck and Company, is the second largest writer of casualty insurance in the United States.

The new sales facility offers auto, homeowners, renters, life, business, finance, home equity loans, recreational vehicles, boats, mobile homes, and IRA's. Allstate policyholders may receive service at the new neighborhood office at any time no matter where their agents are located.

Agent Alson Canary will service the new office.

First Baptist Church Sets Palm Sunday Worship Service

The First Baptist Church of Agawam will hold an evening Worship Service at 7:00 p.m., Palm Sunday, March 27th. Dr. Donald B. Morris, pastor will lead worship. A Biblical Drama entitled, "The Kindled Flame" will be presented. It relates the effect of Jesus on a Roman family living in Jerusalem and on a Roman soldier.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served following the service.

William C. Godin Gets Prestigious Award

William C. Godin, president of Coldwell Banker Trend Realty of Springfield, was the recent recipient of the "Milton H. Shaw Distinguished Service Award" of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. Coldwell Banker Trend Realty has an office in Feeding Hills.

The award is given each year to a member of the 20,000-member Massachusetts Realtor organization who has an outstanding record of unselfish volunteer leadership to the association.

Godin is a past secretary and regional vice president and has chaired the state associations of Professional Standards and Multiple Listing Service Committees.

He is a certified residential broker and a graduate of the Realtors Institute, where he has served as dean and chairman of the Board of Governors. Presently he is serving as president of the New England chapter of the Certified Residential Brokers.

Godin is certified by the National Association of Realtors as a Professional Standards instructor and is a member of its Education Committee.

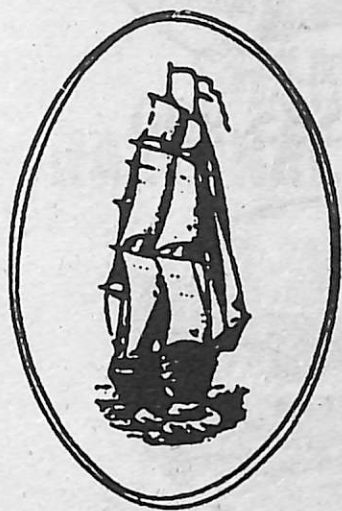
A member and past president of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, he has served on several of the board's committees, and was named their "Realtor of the Year" in 1974.

In addition to his real estate activities, Godin has been director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Red Cross, and Rotary Club. A Longmeadow resident, he served as the chairman of the Longmeadow Assessors, and has coached baseball and basketball in the youth program.

Godin operates sales offices in Longmeadow, Westfield, Wilbraham, Springfield, and Feeding Hills.

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Peter Forastiere Addresses Junior Women's Club



PETER FORASTIERE fields questions from members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS Carol Bouley (first vice-president) and Verna Urbanski (president) greet Funeral Director Peter Forastiere of Colonial Funeral Home at a recent meeting of club at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Attend Sunday Services March 20, 1988

9:45 A.M. Christian Education Classes

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Operation Friendship Hosts Another Roast Beef Dinner



THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM, "Operation Friendship," sponsored at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, held another in a series of benefit roast beef dinners last week. Pictured above enjoying their meals are Helen and Catherine Farquhar.



"OPERATION FRIENDSHIP" brings foreign youngsters into our community during the summer months through the Feeding Hills Congo Church. Helping in the church kitchen at the recent benefit roast beef dinner are Eric Rose, Aimee Davignon, and Hans Mueller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, March 26th
Oldies Dance
Cub Scout Pack 75
Polish American Club
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Evening of Solid Gold"
Chez Josef - Shoemaker Lane
Tickets are \$13.50
8:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, April 9-10
Paper Drive
Boy Scout Troop 78
At Polish American Club

Saturday, May 7th
New York City Trip
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News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

March 21st: Appointments are now open for cholesterol screening scheduled for April 14th. Fee is \$3. Plan on a 45 minute stay.

March 22nd: Energy bingo, by Northeast Utilities, 12:30 p.m.

March 23rd: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

March 30th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 1st: Diabetic screening, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

April 5th: Blood pressure screening, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

April 6th: Podiatry clinic, 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

April 6th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 12th: Council on Aging meeting, 4:30 p.m.

April 13th: Income tax assistance, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

April 14th: Cholesterol screening, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. By appointment.

April 18th: Patriot's Day observed. Senior Center closed.

April 19th: Blood pressure clinic, M-Z, 1:00 p.m.

April 25th: Beta Sigma Phi, 7:30 p.m. program. Refreshments, no charge.

April 28th: 12:30 p.m. program. Tips on traveling.

Birthdays that were celebrated on "Birthday Recognition Day" for March were **Marion Haubinreiser, Gus Lehberger, Gladys Belcher, Olive Huebner, Gladys Francasio, Carmin Calento**. It was a nice party. If you have a birthday in April, all you have to do is make a luncheon reservation, tell us that you have an April birthday, and we do the rest. "Birthday Recognition Day" is always the first Tuesday of each month. It's not too early to let us know.

From Friends Of The Agawam Senior Center: "Friends" welcomes more new members for 1988, and extends a thank-you for their support. They include **Mariann Therrien, Mary Trask, Wildor & Genevieve Theroux, Helen Vermeiren, Representative Michael P. Walsh,**

Jean & Joseph Woishnis, Norma Wheeler, Anna Waniowski, Arthur Zavarella.

"Friends" membership applications are available at the Senior Center Ticket Booth. One does not have to be a senior citizen to join; all that is required, is residence in Agawam. Membership dues are \$3 per year. During the month of March, with each new membership, you will receive a "Book of Poetry," a \$2 value.

TRIPS:

April 17th and 18th, Patriot's Day Special! Fall River, Vanity Fair Shopping Spree. We need nine more passengers. There are no restrictions on this exceptional trip; it is open to all who are interested in Fall River's extra special holiday bargains! You can do your early summer clothes shopping at 50 percent off at Vanity Fair. Prices are as follows: four per room, \$40; three per room, \$45 each; double per room, \$57 each. Prices include round trip transportation, taxes, gratuities, and lodging. Overnight lodging will be at The Whaler Inn, New Bedford, which has dining room facilities for dinner and breakfast.

April 12th: White Hart Inn, Banquet Theatre, Salisbury, Connecticut. \$29.75.

May 19th: West Point New York, West Point Military Academy, Gashu of Japan Restaurant, and Brotherhood Winery. \$34.

July 21st: Spirit of Boston, lobster clam bake, plus a tour of the Mapparium-Western Hemisphere. \$28 includes gratuities, and taxes.

August 9th: Luncheon cruise around Manhattan Island by World Yacht Cruises. \$43 per person includes all gratuities, taxes.

October: Reservations not open pending date. Le Grand David Majic Show at the Larcum Theatre, Beverly, Massachusetts, with lunch at the popular Kings Grant Inn, where you will enjoy their tropical gardens.

If you would like more information on any Senior Center trip, feel free to call 786-0122 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday when the Ticket Booth is open for your convenience.



NANCY M. WEST

Nancy M. West On State's Board Of Barber Registrars

An Agawam resident has become the first woman from Western Massachusetts appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Barbers.

Nancy M. West of 472 Silver Street, owner of Casual Male Hairstyling, was sworn-in as a member of the board February 22nd.

She was recently named by Governor Michael Dukakis to a three-year term on the board, whose responsibilities include registering the state's barbers, monitoring their professional performance, and overseeing the education of those entering the profession.

Ms. West, who said she's "very excited" about her appointment, indicated she wants to see better training for students preparing to enter the profession. She would like to expose them more directly to the barbering and hairstyling business by requiring students to visit and work in shops as part of their training.

She also wants to see professional education broadened to include more business management training to help those who will eventually own their own barbering business.

A graduate of Agawam High School and Broms Institute of Barbering, Springfield, she has taken several advanced and specialized courses dealing with various aspects of hair styling and care and skin care.

The daughter of Peter & Regina Rock of Agawam, she resides in Agawam with her son, Jeffery. She is a member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and the Agawam Soccer Association, where she served as an assistant coach and as secretary.

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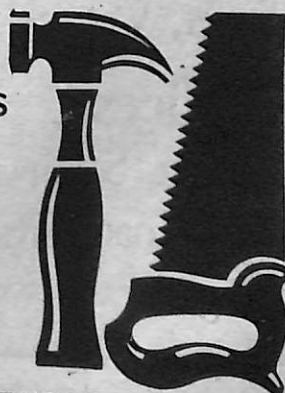
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There is a large number of single-family houses that are older and have not been updated recently. Some do not meet building code requirements. Often, they are in declining or transitional neighborhoods. The potential livability of these "forgotten" houses can be very great. Many offer the advantages of more living space, a convenient location, and a reasonable cost. A great many people are now considering these older houses when looking for a home to buy. The act of remodeling such properties is called rehabilitation. The idea is to bring the house up to present standards and still respect the original craftsmanship and design. The person who considers such an undertaking should learn all he can about remodeling techniques and the needs of the property before committing himself.

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grandma's old kitchen



Nice Entrees!!!

From the Philippines comes a recipe called Adobong Manok at Baboy translated meaning Chicken and Pork Casserole.

Chicken And Pork Casserole

Ingredients:

One whole chicken 4 to 5 pounds
1½ pounds pork
2 teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
3 garlic cloves, minced
½ cup vinegar
1 large bay leaf
3 tablespoons oil
1 cup water
¾ cup cream

Method:

Remove the chicken meat from the chicken and cut into 2 inch pieces. Cut the pork into 2-inch sections. Mix together salt, pepper, garlic, vinegar, and bay leaf. Marinate the pork in the marinade for 30 to 60 minutes.

Heat the oil in a casserole and brown the chicken and pork in it. Add the marinade and water. Cover and cook over a medium heat for ½ hour or until most of the liquid has evaporated. Stir in the cream. Cook an additional 5 minutes. Adjust seasonings to taste.

From Indochina Shrimp Balls in Vegetable Sauce.

Shrimp Balls In Vegetable Sauce

Ingredients:

½ cup oil
1 onion, sliced thinly
1 cup cabbage, shredded
1 cup diced celery
1 cup bean sprouts
2 cups beef broth
1 tablespoon soy sauce
¼ teaspoon dried ground chili peppers
1 pound cooked shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 slice white bread
¼ cup milk
1 cup mashed potatoes
¼ pound ground beef
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 egg

Method:

Heat half the oil in a saucepan, saute the onion until transparent. Add the broth, soy sauce, and chili peppers. Cook over a low heat for 15 minutes. Prepare the shrimp and meatballs while the vegetables are cooking by chopping the shrimp. Soak the bread in milk and mash. Mix with the potatoes, beef, chopped shrimp, salt, pepper, and egg. Shape into one-inch balls. Heat the remaining oil in a frying pan. Brown the balls in it. Add to the vegetables. Cook over low heat for 8 minutes.

From Spain we have Ternera A La Condesita or Veal with Sherry.

Veal With Sherry

Ingredients:

12 thin slices of veal
6 cloves of garlic
1 egg
1½ cups beef stock
Juice of ½ lemon
3 tablespoons sherry
3 tablespoons oil
4 tablespoons olive oil
Enough flour to dust the meat
Salt and pepper to taste

Method:

Flatten the meat slices. (This works well between two pieces of plastic wrap. If you don't have a meat pounder, use a rolling pin, small skillet, or can of

vegetables).

Trim off the fat and put the meat in a marinade of the lemon juice and olive oil. Now prepare the sauce.

For the sauce, crush about 2 ounces of almonds and add the sherry. Mix well. Now brown the garlic in the oil. Add the garlic to the almonds and sherry and reserve the oil for frying the meat. Add 1½ cups of broth to the sherry, garlic, and almonds; also add the salt and pepper.

Before frying the veal, wipe them dry and dip first into beaten egg, then in flour. Add about 3 tablespoons olive oil to the pan going to be used to fry the meat. Turn up the heat under the skillet and brown the veal slices. When browned well, put into a casserole dish. Pour the sauce over it and bring it to a boil and let simmer for 10 minutes or until the sauce thickens. If additional liquid is needed, add a little more beef stock to the sauce.

Also from Spain, Mero A La Bilbaina, or Halibut with Peppers.

Halibut With Peppers

Ingredients:

6 thick slices halibut
1 large onion, chopped
4 garlic cloves, minced
3 large red peppers, washed, seeded, and chopped very finely

Salt and pepper to taste

Juice of ½ lemon

1 large or 2 small bay leaves

5 tablespoons olive oil

Method:

Heat the olive oil in a frying pan. Brown the onion and garlic. Fry the peppers until the mixture reduces to a thick consistency. Sprinkle the fish pieces with salt, put in a baking dish greased with olive oil. Pour lemon juice and a thin stream of olive oil over the fish and bake in a pre-heated 325 degree oven basting occasionally.

When the peppers, onion, and garlic mixture has reduced, add a little of the juice from the baking fish. Season with salt and pepper. Add the bay leaf and continue cooking the thickened sauce another 5 minutes. Cover the fish with the sauce and continue baking until the fish is done. This will take approximately 20 to 30 minutes.

Note: The fish is done when it turns a milky white color and springs back to the touch.

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Agawam UNICO Once Again Puts On Del



AGAWAM UNICO MEMBER Richard Forni serves youngsters Jessica Montagna, 6, and Thomas Montagna, 4, their fine meals. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

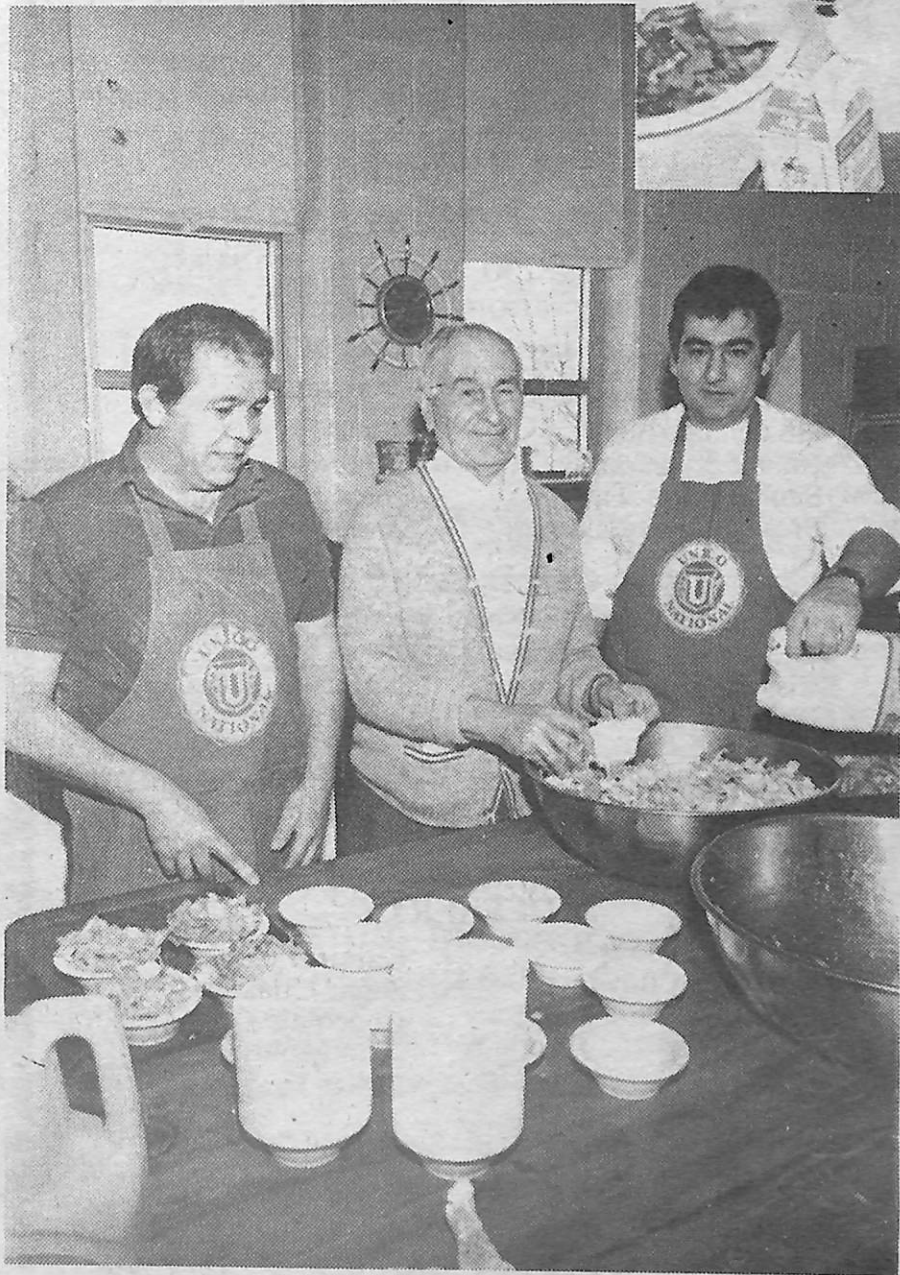
THE PISANO BOYS, Larry (left) and Dick kept the hot coffee flowing at the Annual Agawam UNICO Macaroni & Meatball Dinner, Sunday, March 5th, at the Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



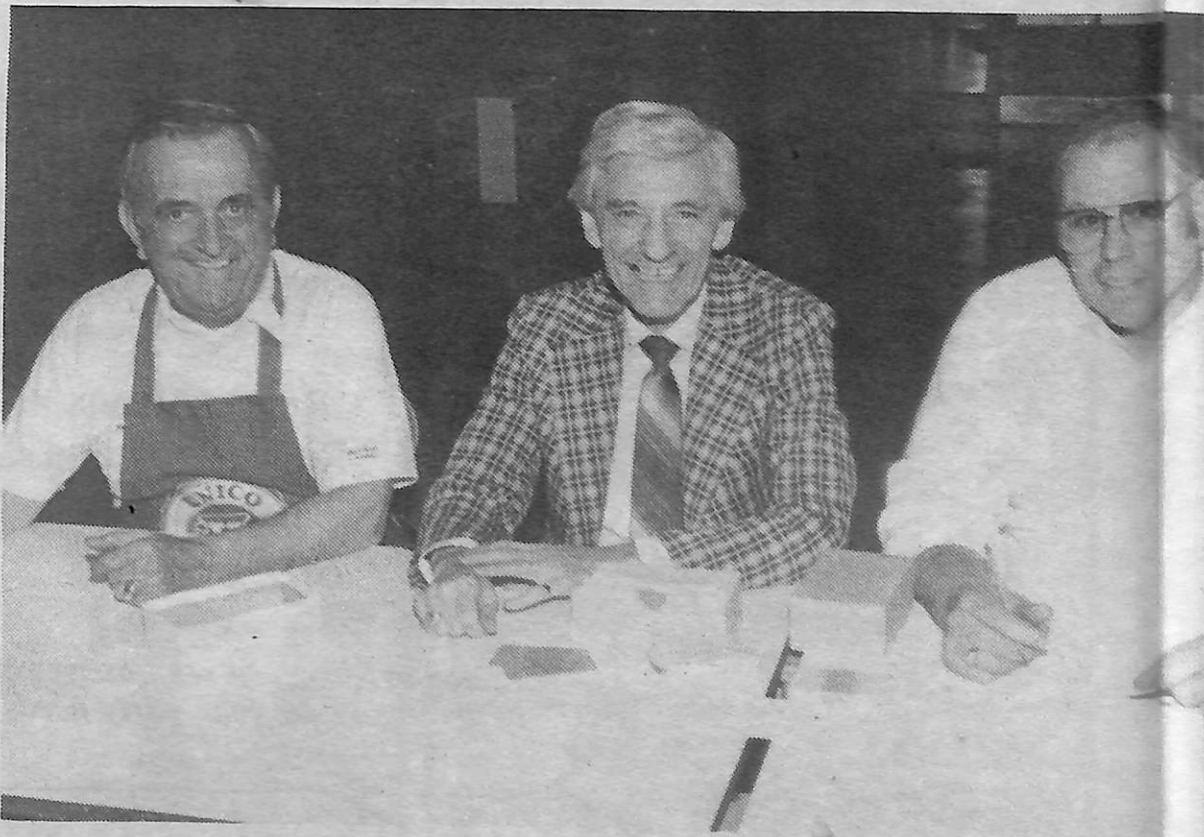
JOANNE & TONY BRIGNOLI, ages 2 and 3, respectively, take time out for a photo before demolishing their plates of pasta. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE FONTAINES ARE EVERY Linda Forni, Chad, John, and Kris photo by Jack Devine.



THE UNICO SALAD DETAIL - Bob Siciliano (left), Al Malone, and Lou Russo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



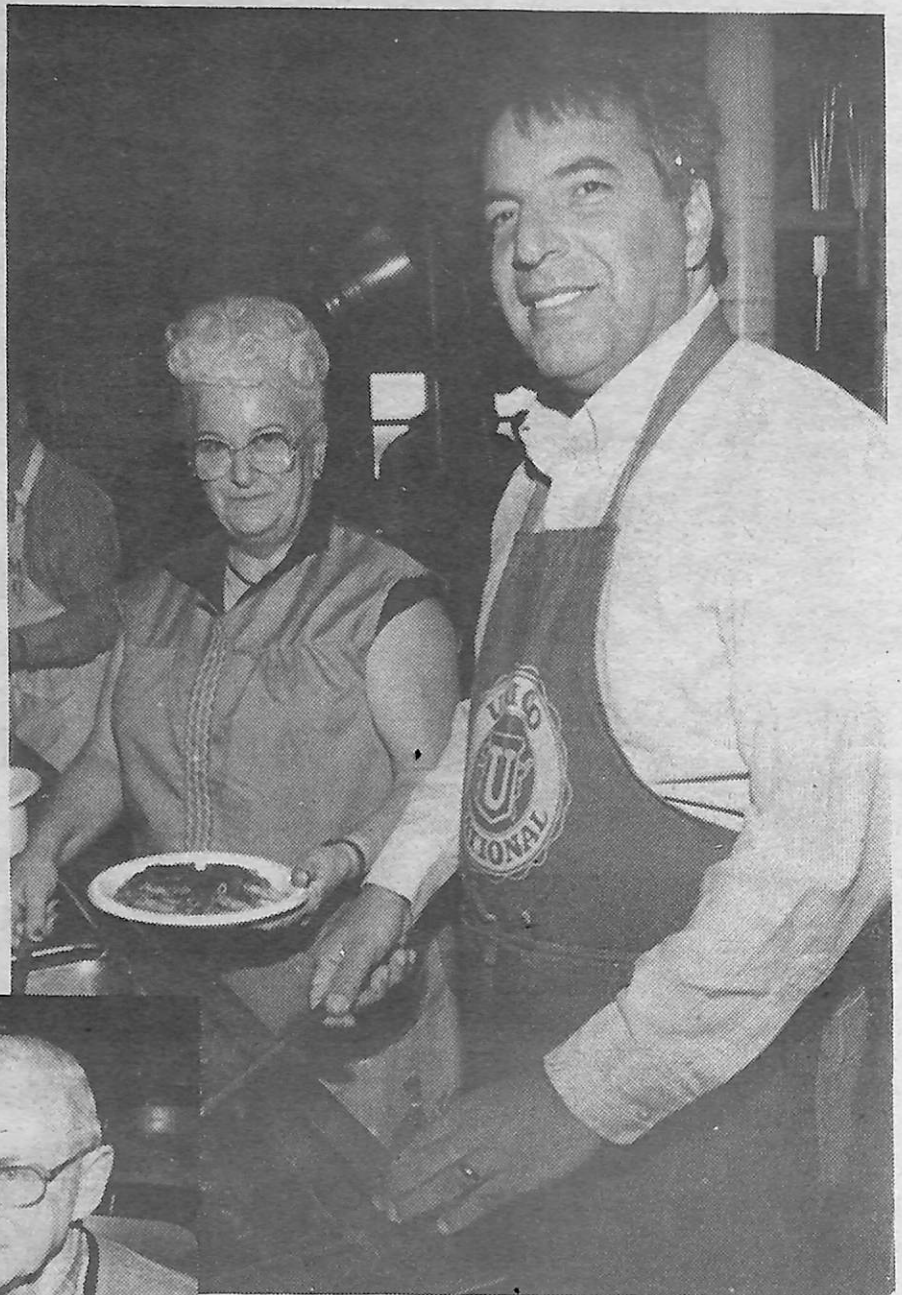
TAKING TICKETS AT THE DOOR are UNICO members Tom Cop Bruno Maule, and Richard DiLullo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Delicious Annual Macaroni-Meatball Dinner



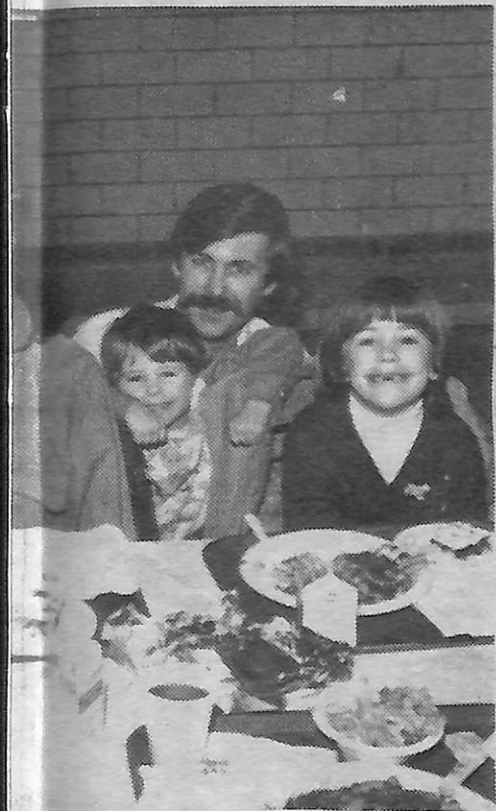
STIRRING THE HUGE POTS OF PASTA are UNICO members Joe Ferrari and Ed Disco. Advertiser

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UNICO'S OFFICIAL SAUCE QUEEN, Jenny Christopher, helps UNICO member Paul Cavallo in the serving line at the club's Annual Macaroni & Meatball Dinner. Advertiser

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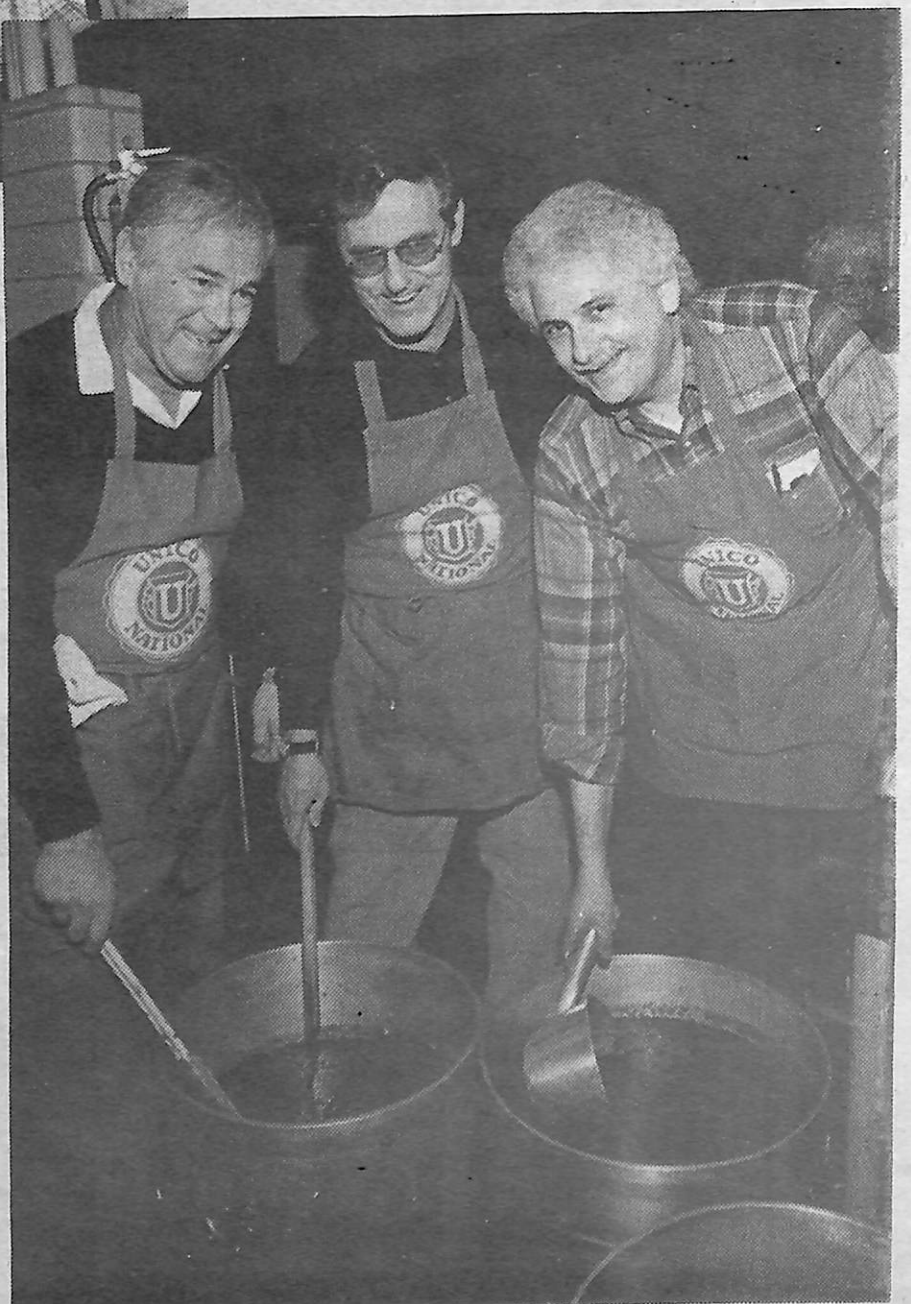
RYWHERE - Erin, Nicole, Kristen Fontaine. Advertiser News



THERESA & RAYMOND GILLETTE said they were pleased with their Sunday afternoon meals served by the Agawam UNICO. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



UNICO WIVES LAURA COPPOLA (left) and **DORA FORNI** helped to supervise the bake sale at the Macaroni & Meatball Dinner, Sunday, March 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



STIRRING HUGE POTS OF SAUCE in UNICO's kitchen are members John Mercadante, Vic Carra, and Chet Nicora. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jr. Women's Club To Sponsor Arbor Day Tree Sale

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is selling shade, flowering, and nut trees as a fundraising and beautification project. The trees will be supplied by the National Arbor Day Foundation, which will mail them directly to the homes of purchasers at an appropriate time for spring planting. The trees will be sent postage paid, and will include complete planting instructions.

The trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free by the Foundation.

Eight trees will be provided through the program: red maple, black walnut, weeping willow, sugar maple, purple leaf plum, thornless honeylocust, tuliptree and pinoak. They cost only \$3.50, plus \$1.50 shipping per address (not per tree).

Those people who would like to purchase trees can contact club representative Ellen Janik, 786-6826. Orders must be placed by March 28th.

Arts & Humanities Council To Sponsor New York Trip

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council will be sponsoring a bus trip to New York City this spring. Anyone who is interested in going may call Jean Stowers, council member, 786-6249, for tickets.

On Saturday, May 7th, the bus will depart at 7:00 a.m., from Agawam High School. Price will be \$12 per person, round trip, which is non-refundable. The bus will stop at the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts, 59th Street-Rockefeller Center, 34th Street-Macy's, and 14th Street-South Street Seaport.

Departure from New York City will be at 6:30 p.m., from 59th Street-Rockefeller Center.

AHS Class Of '52 Seeking Classmates For Reunion

Agawam High School Class of 1952 is planning a Class Reunion at Storowton Tavern, West Springfield, Saturday, April 16th.

They are looking for the following classmates: **Virginia Aselton Munns, Richard Edwards, Gertrude Hartwig, Priscilla Miner Dugas, Barbara Peck, and Richard Peterson.**

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of these classmates, please contact Norma Provost, 566 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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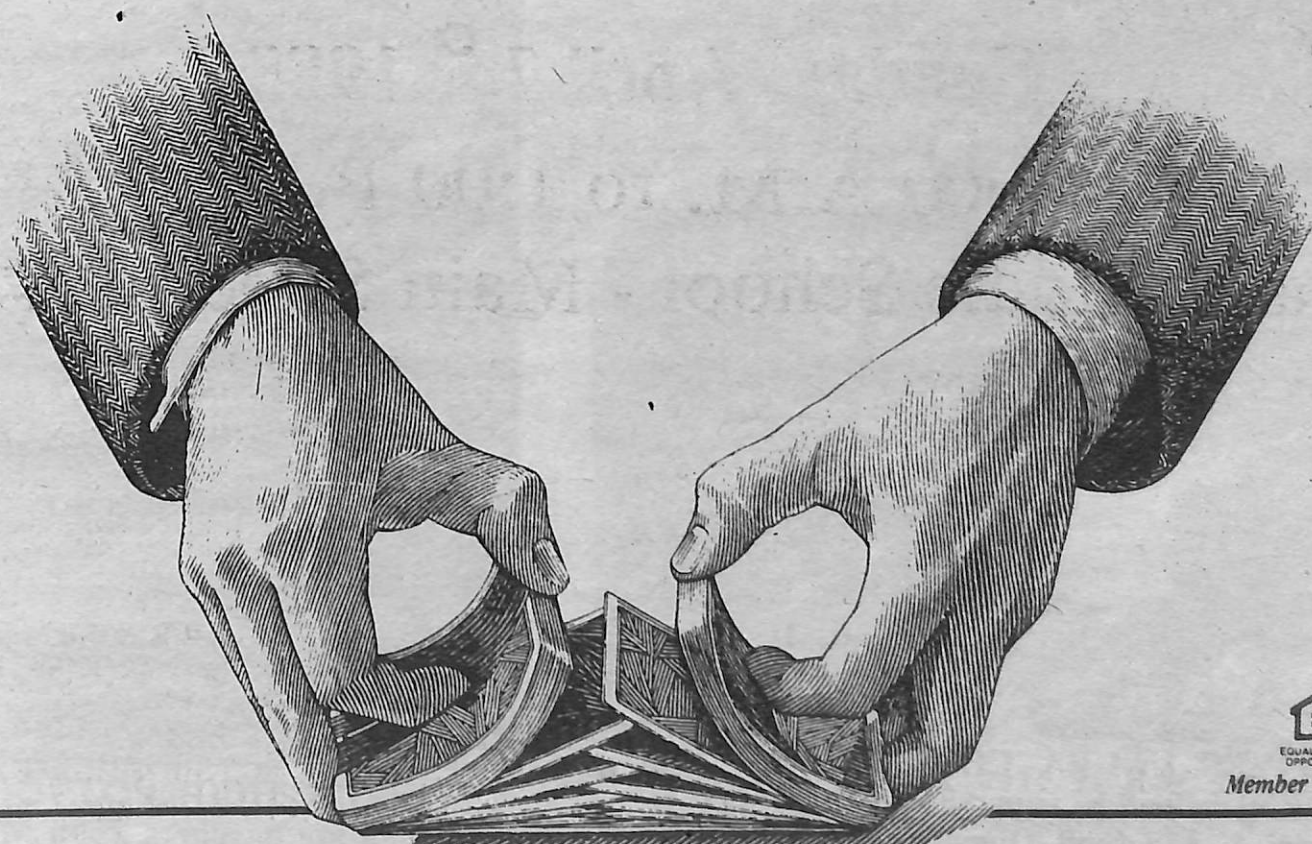
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Agawam Catholic Women's Club Meet



MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB of Agawam recently met at St. John's Parish Center. IN PHOTO LEFT are members Alice Buell, Frances Pedulla, and Lee Owens; in PHOTO RIGHT, Elaine Marie Smith, who addressed the group on dolls, is greeted by Hospitality Chairwoman Ruth Zucco. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB members Angela Chmielewski and Jean Smith. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

First Baptist Church Slates Good Friday Ecumenical Serv.

An ecumenical service of worship will be held Friday, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam.

Reverend Donella Sitberg, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Agawam will offer the message of the evening. Town clergy will participate. Everyone is invited to attend.

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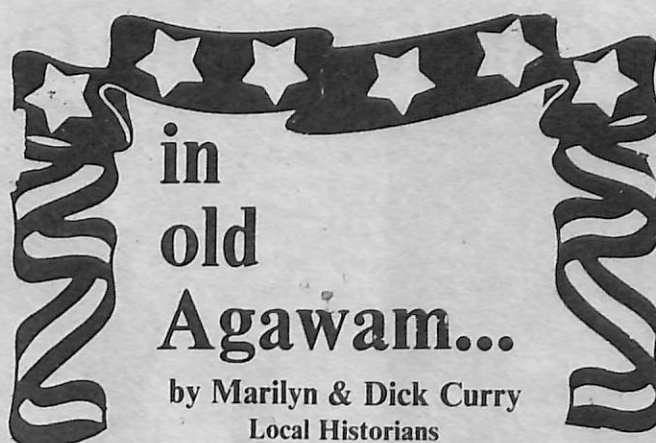
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Samuel Flower: "The Ethan Allen Of Feeding Hills - Part I

Like most of the early families that settled our village and town during the early 1700's, little is known of the individual members of any one family.

Yet it is possible to learn something of these people providing certain basic facts are on hand. In this respect we are able to assign a particular character as to time and place to those historical events of the day, thereby establishing a greater insight as to the individual's more personal history.

Such is the case of **Samuel Flower** of Feeding Hills. Although we know little concerning the man himself, we can take what facts are evident in Everts' local history of Western Mass., and coupled with the town history, we are able to develop a keener sense of the man and his times.

Hopefully, some energetic young future historian might employ this fragmentary information and through further research, provide a more in-depth study of the Samuel Flower family.

Almost from the outset of our investigation we began to sense a similarity of character between Samuel Flower and Ethan Allen. Despite the fact that Allen was to rise in fame as the legendary hero who captured Fort Ticonderoga at the very beginning of the American Revolution, it remains that Flower's background proximates that of his counterpart in many ways, even though his historic accomplishments may not have fully aspired to Allen's deeds.

Similarities Between The Two Men

As we attempted to equate one man with the other, it became quite obvious that similarity of circumstances were evident in the lifestyles of both characters. This was of particular interest in that both Ethan and Samuel were close in age at the same period of time, and had lived in the same colony of Connecticut at about the same time frame.

Both Samuel and Ethan had served in the Seven Years War (French-Indian War) during their mid-late teens; they had served as officers during the Revolution; both men were known for their daring escapades; physical stature and strength; and each man had had some connection with Shays' Rebellion.

It is also of interest to note that Ethan Allen and Samuel Flower had migrated outside of the Connecticut colony: Ethan to the Hampshire Grants and the

Flower family to Massachusetts.

Although both men had dabbled in politics, there is little question that Allen was the more prominent of the two characters. Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that Allen and Flower were of the same cut-of-cloth in that they exercised a common interest in attempting to achieve success in many enterprises!

It is just possible that we could continue with further comparisons between these two men, however, to do so would require more than is necessary to substantiate their similarities.

Henceforth, we suggest to our readers that they refer to a most noteworthy "Biography of Ethan Allen" by John Pell, Houghton-Mifflin Company, Boston, 1929. As for now we only attempt to make a more careful examination of Samuel Flower, Ethan Allen's counterpart in the village of Feeding Hills.

Origin Of The Name

Our earliest encounter with the name Flower dates back in time to the year 1700. It is presumed that at this time the Flower family first arrived in the New World. According to Everts, the anglicized family name may be derived from the French term "fleur" meaning flower! On this premise we might assume that the Flower family was originally of French origin. It is possible that the name was among certain of those who accompanied William the Conqueror during his conquest of England in 1066.

In any respect, it appears somewhat obvious that the Flower family was originally from France, later from England, and still later among the immigrants to America 90 years after the founding of Plymouth colony in 1620.

Everts' text states that Joseph Flower, father of Samuel, had settled at Wethersfield, Connecticut, about 1700, and Samuel was the third son of 11 children. At the time of his birth, Samuel was the eighth child.

Once again we make note of the similarity of circumstances between Ethan Allen and Samuel Flower—Allen was the first born of eight children, while Flower was the eighth child born to the Flower family. Again, there is a strangeness in the fact that while the Allen family settled along the Housatonic River in Connecticut, the Flower family had established on the banks of the Connecticut River in the same colony!

Of greater similarity in numbers is the fact that Allen's wife, Mary Brownson, was of a family of eight children (being the third born child), the age difference between Ethan Allen and Samuel Flower, the eighth child born into his family. Of still further coincidence is that Ethan's father's name was Joseph, the same name of Samuel's father! "Samuel" was the name of Ethan's great-grandfather (three times removed).

We make no further comment of the similarities between these two outstanding men other than the facts being of purely coincident circumstances. Again, for those readers who enjoy the complexity of a puzzle, we suggest further reference to Ethan Allen's biography.

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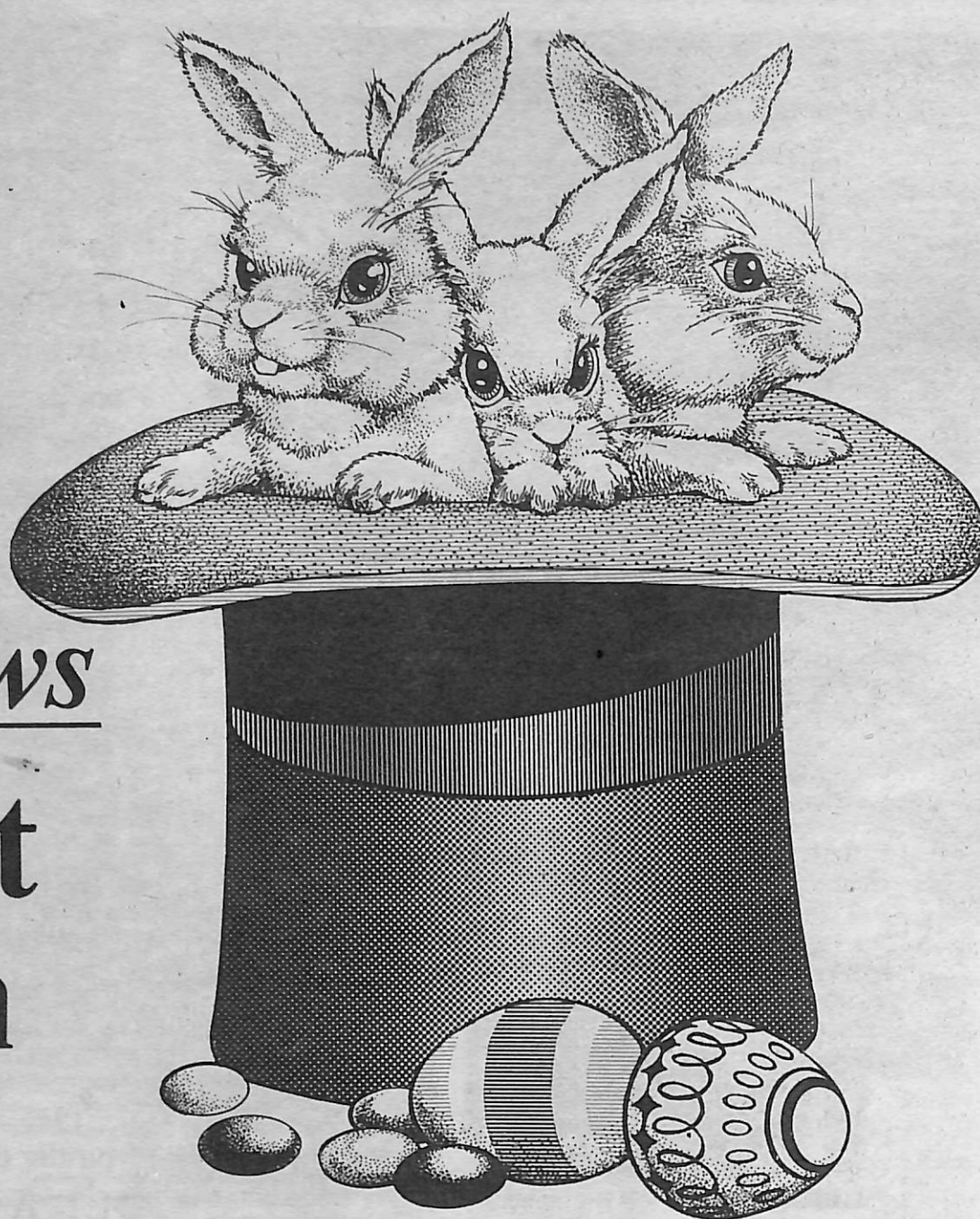
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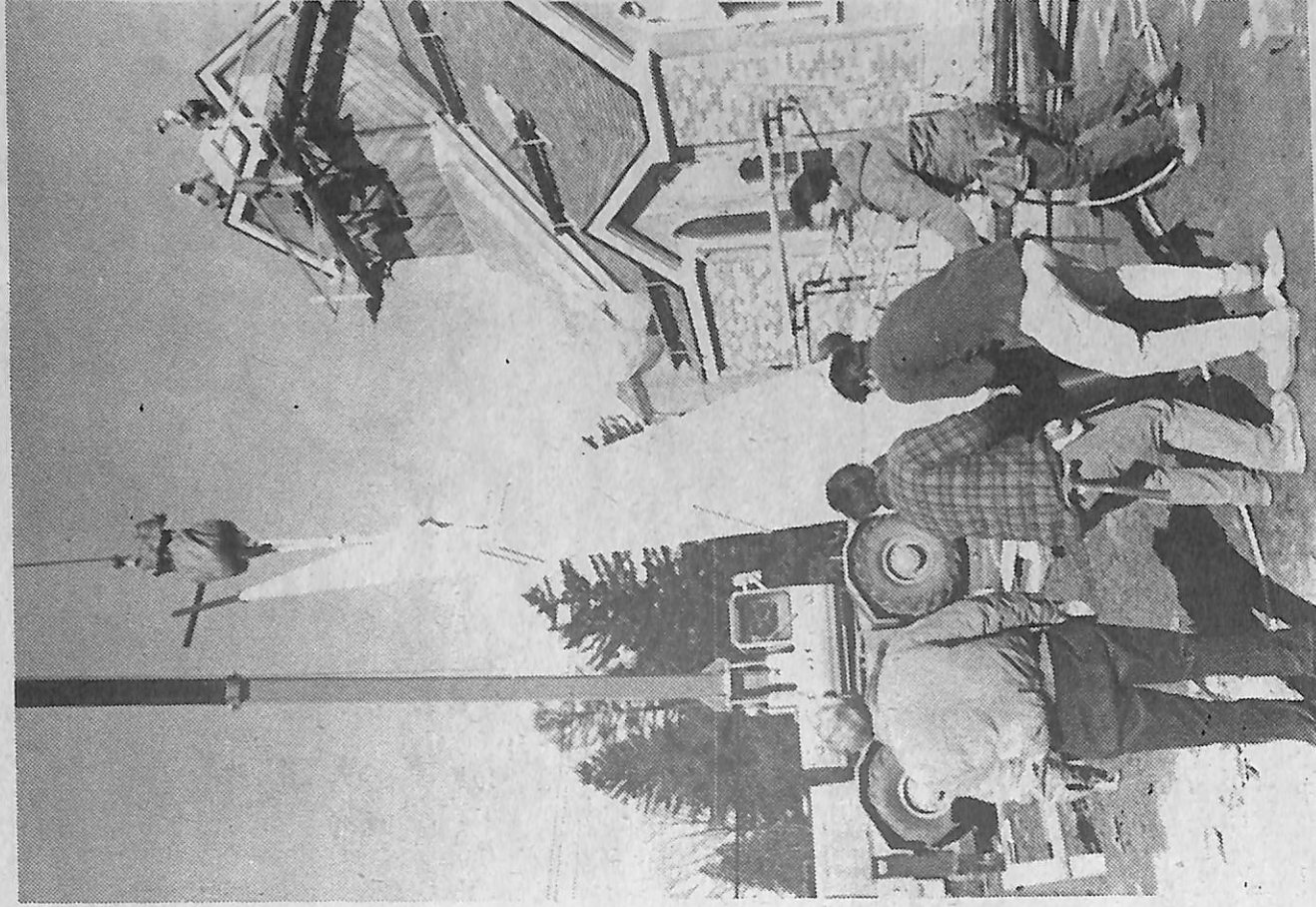
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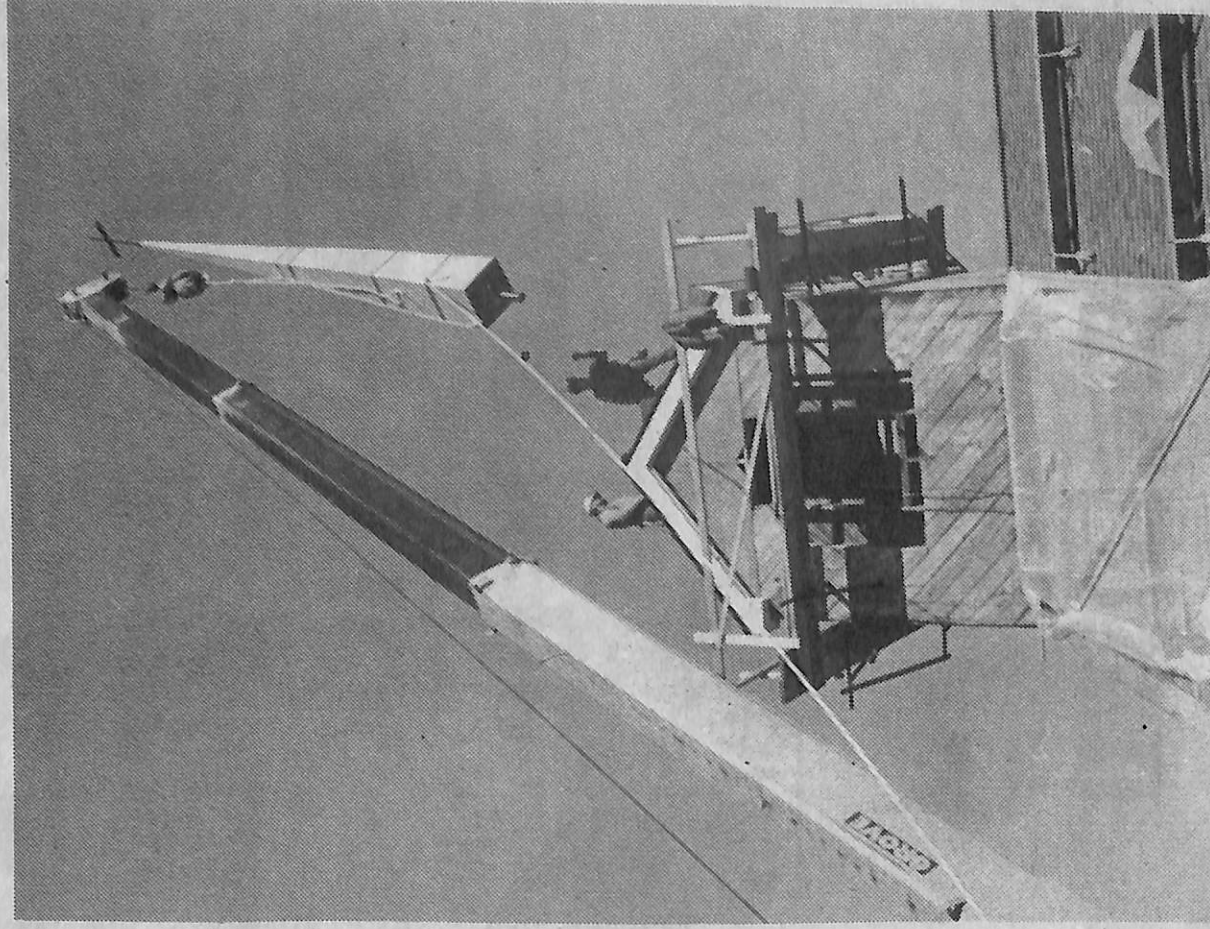
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St. John's Church Gets Its New Steeple

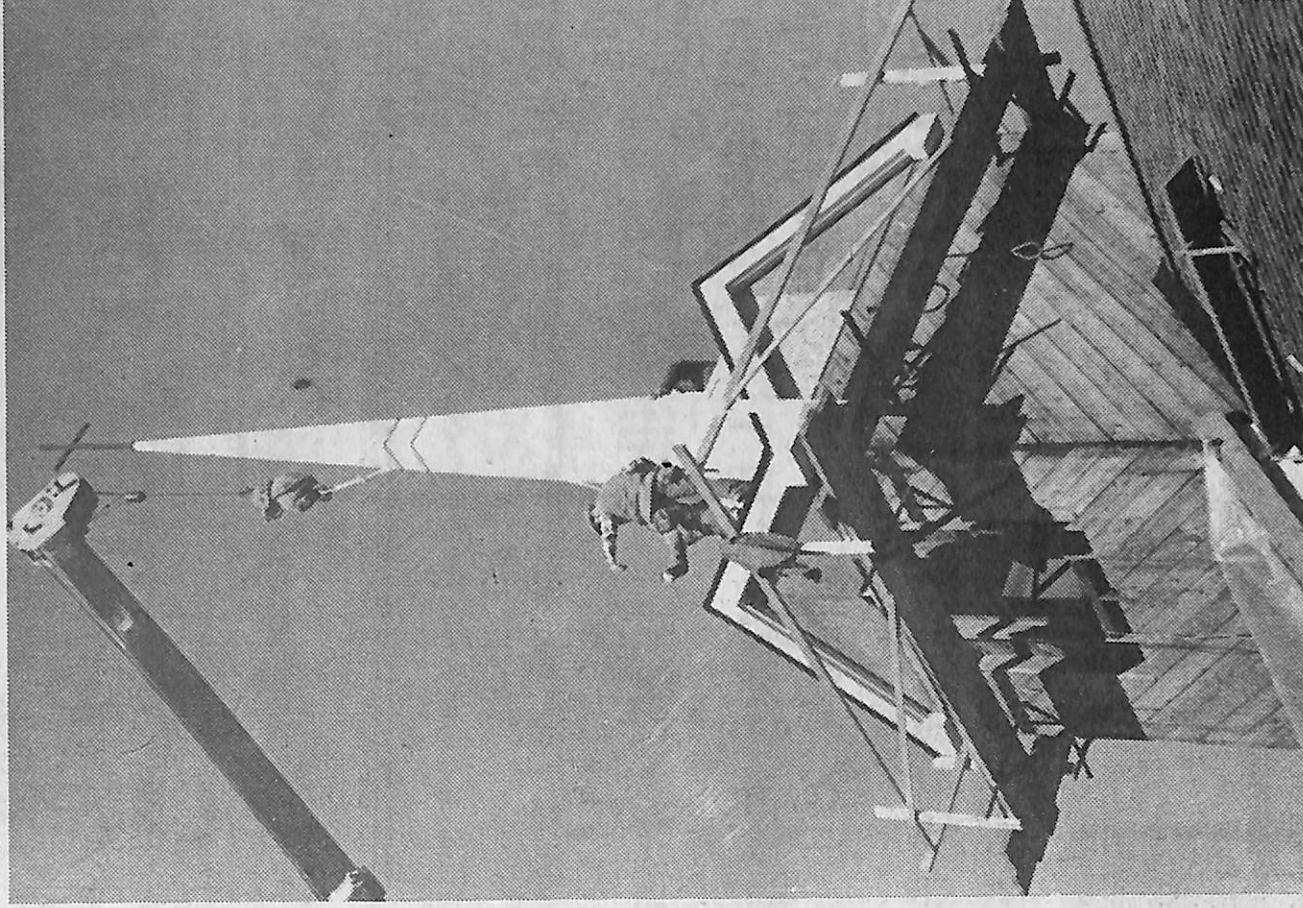


CONSTRUCTION CREW MEMBERS place the new steeple of St. John's Church on the crane...



...THE CRANE lifts the steeple into position so workers on the church's roof can properly place it...

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...AND FINALLY, the church's brand new steeple is in place. Work on the church has progressed over the past few months, with the extensive renovations continuing. Parishioners are currently attending Mass in the Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Heritage Hall News, Notes & Quotes

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK!

Katherine Cross

Katherine Cross was born November 15th, 1912, in Rutland, Vermont. She has two sons, Everard and Robert, who both reside in Feeding Hills. Katherine has six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was employed by Shaer's Market, Feeding Hills, for many years. Katherine was a member of the Rachel Williams Circle at the Agawam Methodist Church.

She previously enjoyed hobbies of knitting and crocheting, and now enjoys reading, watching T.V., and participating in several activity programs. Her favorite pastime is eating chocolate ice cream.



KATHERINE CROSS

I Remember

by Florence Way

"I was about 20 years-old when the United States entered war with Germany. My oldest brother was drafted into the service and was sent to Camp Devens. The day he left, a large group of about 50 to 60 young men left for training. I remember very clearly the parade as it marched down Main Street. My girlfriend and I followed the marchers all the way to Union Station. Everyone was crying; mothers and fathers were saying good-bye to their sons.

"My brother was in training for six months. By that time he was ready for overseas service. About two weeks before his scheduled departure for overseas, there was some talk about armistice.

On the morning it was signed, my brother was packed and ready to leave for overseas service. They were already at the train station in Worcester waiting to leave for Boston. He still had to remain in the service until the rest of his year was finished. That is a day in my life I will never forget!"

Putting On The Ritz!

Residents enjoyed a change of pace as they varied from their usual buffet supper night to reflecting back on the Roaring 20's period when "Putting on the Ritz" was the thing to do. The gentlemen wore blue ascots, and the ladies were adorned with black nylon tufts. Residents and students of the Intergenerational Latch Key program made the party favors for the delightful evening.

The menu subtitles were in keeping with the Roaring 20's theme:

Soup—Chicken broth with carrots and rice; pearls and gold coins of the sea.

Entree—Chicken Cordon Bleu; chicken every Sunday-plus; twice baked potatoes-as good as a stock that splits; California-style vegetables.

There is nothing like the Gold Coast yellow cake for dessert.

Lemon whipped cream torte or yellow sand, yellow sunlight with fluffy, white clouds.

Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal, and agreed a change of pace was good for everyone once in a while.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Helen Hafner

Helen Hafner has been chosen "Employee of the Month" of February. She has been employed at Heritage Hall since September, 1979. Helen began in the Dietary Department, and transferred to the Nursing Department in November, 1979. Helen has excellent relationships with staff and families as well as residents. She is pleasant and cooperative at all times, and always has a smile on her face.

Congratulations to Helen as "Employee of the Month!"

New Friends and Old!

In the hopes of making new residents feel special and welcome, Heritage Hall hosts a monthly "Welcoming Tea." Each new resident is introduced and asked to share a short biography of themselves if possible. They are also presented with a welcoming gift from Heritage Hall. New residents meeting other residents sometimes rekindles old friendships.

Lucy McClean, president of the Resident Council, assists the new residents in getting acquainted with various programs and encourages them to attend and feel at home. Before long many of the new residents have become old residents, and they are welcoming new residents and sharing their friendship with new people arriving in the nursing home and assisting them in any way they can.

Agawam Lioness Induct New Members



AGAWAM Lioness Club President Alice Olson (left) is pictured with new club members who were recently inducted. New members include Lillian Doyle, Priscilla Peterson, and Shirley Poirier. IN SECOND PHOTO, Mrs. Olson is pictured with Marie Ingalls, Deputy District President who was visiting the Agawam Lioness at their meeting. Advertiser

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How's The Family??? The Family Self-Reliance Can Be Taken Too Far

by Dr. Warren F. Schumacher
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"Keep the family's problems within the four walls of our home. It's our problem; we can deal with it by ourselves. A family ought to be able to handle its own difficulties!"

This family self-reliance bit can be taken too far. Those good old days of the extended family when relatives were close at hand to help out with a loan of money or time, to provide home-spun advice on how to raise a rebellious adolescent and what to do about the drinking problem of a spouse...those good old days are gone. Modern life is too complex and things change so rapidly that it has become impossible for each family to grit its teeth and take on all of its own problems. This kind of family loyalty becomes family stupidity.

No family wants to anticipate financial or emotional problems, physical illness or teenage crises. But too many people find themselves drowning in the river without a canoe. The white water of modern living is just too fast for them. They haven't prepared for family transition points; they have no boat and no paddle. People need to look upstream and figure out how to cope with some of the difficulties that many families eventually have to face.

"Oh, I'll deal with that issue when it comes up!" Americans tend to be pragmatic; we push off thinking about problems until they are right on top of us. That's dumb! We can develop new smarts and learn new skills that will help us deal with tough times when they do arrive.

Did you ever think about looking through the newspaper and checking the classes or workshops that are available to you? Your Extension Service also provides information sessions and lecture series on stress management, relaxation techniques, parenting skills and many other family topics. It's smarter to learn how to keep well than to take medicine after you have become sick.

Sure, it's true that many family difficulties pop up out of the blue. It's hard to prepare yourself for that sudden illness or death of a child, the drug problem that suddenly looms into a crisis or the social drinking that has become an addiction. But there is help out there; you have to be willing to reach out for it AND you have to be convinced that it's there.

So many helpers are so close that we tend to miss seeing them. The neighbor who is a caring person but who will not stick her nose into your business. If you feel totally isolated, maybe it's because you have never reached out for help from a friend. There are all sorts of "hot lines" (parent hot line, drug hot lines, youth crisis intervention lines) that provide immediate and confidential help. Most times a phone call can diffuse the bomb but a more sustained help usually is needed. There are so many support groups and self help groups available to deal with issues from addiction to violence, from overweight to diabetes, from arthritis to

surviving divorce or the loss of a loved one. People who have lived through the family difficulty themselves know the pain and the despair; they have lived through the crisis and have survived. No they are not professional people, but they can be very effective in helping you work through a problem which they themselves have lived with.

Most areas have an Information and Referral Service (it's called I and R). It may go under some name like Direct Information Service. It's a clearing house for information on all kinds of human services. They will tell you the closest source of help and give you names, addresses, telephone numbers. So many programs are powerful supports for families and they don't cost money. But you have to break out of your box of anxiety and fear; reach out because someone is there.

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DEAR S.T.A.R.T.:

I recently began following your column and thought I'd write you about a problem with my elbow. Now that winter is over, I'm back to playing racquetball again. The problem is pain on the outside of the right elbow during and after my game. The thing that really gets me is that I get the same pain when I carry my briefcase!

What's happening here!!!

DEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING:

"Tennis Elbow," "Briefcase Elbow," and in your case, "Racquetball Elbow" is jargon to describe the medical term for "Lateral Humeral Epicondylitis." It is an inflammation of the outside ridge at the bottom of your arm bone, the humerus. That ridge is where the muscle tendons of the forearm and wrist attach. Some of these muscles act in bending the wrist backwards and side to side, as in writing.

Others are responsible for bending your elbow, especially when the hand is held in the thumbs up position; the same position of your arm and forearm when holding a briefcase, tennis or racquetball racquet!

The signs and symptoms are not limited to racquet type sports. As a matter of fact, the person that was first diagnosed with "Lateral Humeral Epicondylitis" was in Germany in the 1870's and was a writer! Keep in mind the position of the wrist during writing is bent backward and moving side to side (sound familiar?). It wasn't until a study of elite tennis players was performed in France in the early 1900's that the term "Tennis Elbow" was first coined.

Actually, injuries to the elbow in racquet sports occur three times more often than the second most common injury site, the ankle. An easy test you can do yourself is to stand with your elbow bent at 90 degrees

and your hand held out front with the thumb pointed up. Have someone pull down on your forearm while you try and hold your position. If you feel pain on the outside of your elbow, it most likely will be "Lateral Humeral Epicondylitis" or "Tennis Elbow."

Another test to consider is while maintaining the same position, have someone push against the palm of your hand. If pain is felt on the inside of your elbow, that is known as "Medial Epicondylitis." This is due to the muscles that bend your fingers, wrist, and turn your palm down are attached to the general area of the inside ridge of your elbow.

The inflammation can be from small strains of the forearm tendons at the junction of muscle tissue and bone. It seems to be a degenerative reaction of the body in response to the repetitive overload of forces, such as those transmitted through a racquet's tight strings, small grips, or improper technique.

Physical Therapy can be of great help to relieve the inflammation, aid in decreasing the pain and increase strength and flexibility of the arm. The application of heat/cold, massage, electrical stimulation, and ultrasound are important agents for promoting the area to heal. A progression of isometric and isotonic exercises in the appropriate progression are combined with stretching exercises.

Isokinetic exercises, such as Cybex, can also be incorporated into the physical therapy program. A goal of removing the discomfort and returning muscle strength balance can be achieved usually in a few weeks.

Finally, reeducation and improvement in body mechanics are used to avoid repetitive injuries and to reduce forces on the elbow area.

Send questions to S.T.A.R.T., 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030, or call, 786-8908.

YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

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Commonly the alignment of the vertebrae is disturbed so that pinching of nerves may occur. Neck, shoulder, and arm pain or numbness may occur in the weeks and months to follow.

Some late manifestations of whiplash may not show up on x-ray examination for months.

Corrective chiropractic treatment following whiplash-type injuries is recommended to prevent many of these adverse effects.

MANAGING YOUR STRESS

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STRESS CHEK

1) The first 15 AAN readers who register for Dr. Sobel's upcoming seminar ("An Evening With Dr. Sobel-Stress Reduction Techniques That Work!") will receive a discount of \$10 off the \$45 seminar fee! Seminar is May 9th, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at The Marriott in Farmington, Connecticut. Call 525-6652 or 732-2759 to preregister and obtain seminar brochure.

2) Stress-induced diseases are on the increase in our society because the changing "environment" creates great demands on the human body and mind. Stress can and does affect every aspect of life!

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Baystate Medical Center Opens New Child Psychiatric Unit

For emotionally ill children, there is no instant pain killer.

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For those admitted to Baystate Medical Center's new Child Psychiatry Unit, there is a health-care team determined to provide it.

The in-patient unit, which opened in August after years of planning, is the first and only one of its kind in Western Massachusetts, according to its director, Matthew R. Friedman, M.D. It is a 15-bed unit, located on West 2 at the Wesson Memorial Building.

"We are treating kids who have been suicidal, who have been violent or aggressive, who have been sexually or physically abused," he said. "Most are not from intact families; many have been in multi-placement situations; many have severe academic problems; some are psychotic. There may be clinical depression or substance abuse. The problems we see are often severe, and are often multiple."

"The age range is five to 15," he said. "Most units are for either adolescents or for children, but we treat both."

These children are admitted at Baystate when "things get too out of control and cannot be handled at home," said Marti Wagner, R.N.C., unit supervisor. "Many of them fall under the blanket description 'conduct disorder,' which means they are having problems relating and integrating at home," she said.

To help these children, a multi-disciplinary treatment program has been designed, Friedman said. It includes individual psychotherapy, group therapy, school, occupational therapy, and a four-level behavior-modification system that helps the child learn ways to solve problems and to assume responsibility.

It stresses diagnosis and assessment, using a battery of physical, emotional and educational evaluation, all with an eye toward determining what is needed and developing a plan to supply it.

The program requires family involvement as a condition of admission—even if "family" in some cases consists of a foster parent or social worker. The family attends regular meetings, and is taught techniques to apply when the child is discharged and returns home.

"We can't just treat the child and send him back to the same situation," Wagner said.

All this takes place in a setting that, to the casual

observer appears unremarkable: a cozy dining room where meals are shared family-style with staff; wide corridors lined with doors to patients' rooms, seven semi-private, one private; a nurses' station; an occasional hand-drawn poster on the wall.

But the unit is locked, screws are tamper-proof, door jams are set flush, a "quiet room" is carpeted from floor to ceiling—all to minimize potential danger to troubled youngsters battling their own feelings.

Making the program work is a staff that includes two child psychiatrists, Friedman and Ronald Davidoff, M.D.; a clinical psychologist, Karen Haerberle, Ph.D.; four child psychiatry specialists, Pat Rogowski, M.S.N., Ralph Dolan, Liz Bramson, and Eleanor Urda, all of whom work as case managers.

Also on staff are two educators, John Foley, who works with each patient's school system to devise a curriculum, and Rhonda Helmuth, who implements it in the unit's classroom; two occupational and one recreational therapist, the unit supervisor, primary registered nurses and co-primary counselors.

They all utilize a variety of tools and techniques with the young patients, from "time outs" to cool things down to goal cards to build confidence and provide manageable objectives. They work constantly to teach the children alternative ways to cope, ways to "channel their energy in positive ways," Wagner said.

Unit staff members know that caring for children on a psychiatric unit has its own set of demands. It differs markedly from work on a pediatrics unit, or an adult psychiatric service.

According to Benjamin M. Lanzito, M.D., chairman of the department of psychiatry, who has been involved with the unit since its planning stages, children on a psychiatric unit tend to be hospitalized for longer periods of time—the average on West 2 is six weeks. They are ambulatory and energetic, and therefore "need a great deal of structure in terms of programming and limit-setting."

They need schooling. They may be acting out anxieties and hostilities, which make psychological demands on staff. While adult patients may cooperate in their admission and treatment plan, someone else always makes the decision to admit a child, and someone else makes all the decisions about their care.

The pressure of these differences may be felt most acutely by the unit's nursing staff. "They are with the patients 24 hours a day," Wagner said. "Psychiatric nursing is different from medical nursing. We maintain the therapeutic milieu. We run groups during the daytime. We work with the school staff, the occupational therapy staff. We do the behavioral work."

Sometimes it seems that the responsibility is non-stop. "You have to be 'on' all the time. You have to be with the children every minute of the day," she said. "The work is very much a team effort."

But the team needs more players. Open less than six months, the unit has not reached capacity, partly because of the nationwide nursing shortage.

"This unit has attracted a lot of people from within the department who saw it as a new challenge," Lanzito said. "All have either had experience within the department, or training and experience in child psychiatry. We had no difficulty in recruiting this group. But there is a major shortage in nursing, and it is particularly acute in critical care and psychiatric nursing."

Nonetheless, Friedman hopes to have the unit at full census early this year. He said there already has been a waiting list.

Before the unit existed, he said, "a fair number" of sick children ended up in adult facilities. Others never got hospitalized. "Some never got treated," he said.

"We are doing what is apparently needed in this community," Lanzito said of the unit. "The fact that we had many requests for such a service even before we opened would seem to indicate a need for it."

Running the unit is difficult, but worth it, Friedman said. Even if a child does not become completely well while hospitalized, there is the opportunity to catch problems early and treat them before the child grows into a disturbed adult.

"We see progress—measured in millimeters instead of the feet and yards you see on a medical floor, but we see progress," Wagner said. "Our former patients aren't all doing great, but most are doing better. The rewards are in working with these children. People here are really committed to what they are doing."

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Attending the party was former Postmaster Robert DeForge and his wife, Helen, and Bernie Donahue, current postmaster at the Agawam office. Mario DeLucchi was master of ceremonies. Cabral and his wife, Wanda, were introduced at the head table.

Postmaster Donahue gave Cabral a scroll from the postal headquarters in Springfield and Washington, as did Louie Veronise, vice president of Local 46.

Also at the event were Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Saracino who gave Cabral a beautiful chair and table of rattan for remembering how he helped save Mrs. Saracino's mother one day on his route.

All who attended had a great time, and wished Ed luck in his retirement in the future.

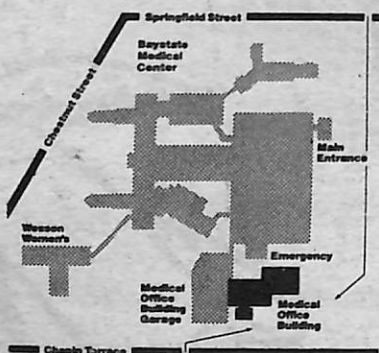
Ed had delivered in North Agawam for 20 years, and all who remember him, wished him well.

Ed and his wife, Wanda, plan to do a bit of traveling, especially now with the gift certificate for Peter Pan Tours given him by his friends and co-workers.

IN PHOTO AT LEFT - Agawam Postmaster Bernie Donahue presents long-time letter carrier Ed Cabral (right) with his distinguished service award; IN PHOTO RIGHT - State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) receives a commemorative stamp of the State Of Massachusetts from former Agawam Postmaster Joseph Dahdah while new Agawam Postmaster Bernie Donahue looks on. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Two Good Movies - Two Bad

—*Frantic*: 3 STARS

Directed by noted filmmaker Roman Polanski, this methodical, Alfred Hitchcock-ish thriller stars Harrison Ford as a San Francisco surgeon who, along with his wife (Betty Buckley), travels to Paris to attend a medical convention. But, shortly after arriving at their hotel, she mysteriously vanishes without a trace, and he soon comes to the conclusion that she has been kidnapped.

Although its story moves along at a leisurely pace that will undoubtedly make some moviegoers restless, *Frantic*, nonetheless, possesses the kind of intrigue which immediately grabs your attention and holds it from beginning to end. It tells an engrossing and well-crafted tale of a man in a foreign country who undergoes a nightmarish situation, and how he desperately looks for help among the less-than-understanding denizens of society once he has exhausted all of the legal means which are at his disposal.

The acting in this picture is also impressive. Buckley (TV's *Eight is Enough* and Broadway's *Cats*) does not have a great deal of time on the screen throughout the course of the plot, but she manages to deliver a memorable and charming supporting performance during her scenes with Ford's (*The Mosquito Coast*) character. And, newcomer Emmanuelle Seigner makes an auspicious feature film debut as a young Parisian woman who accidentally becomes embroiled in Ford's efforts to find his missing wife, and whose dealings with the criminal element of her city heighten the movie's inherent level of suspense.

Ford himself, meanwhile, continues to prove his ever-growing skills as a serious dramatic actor. His down-to-earth yet heroic leading role in *Frantic* enables him to exhibit a wide range of emotional responses, particularly anger, fear, deeply felt affection, and a sense of all-too-human vulnerability. In fact, one of the picture's finest scenes has Ford's character on the brink of tears when he's talking on the phone to his stateside children and trying his best to give them the impression that everything is going well in Paris.

In addition to being a successful endeavor for its cast members, *Frantic* represents a comeback of sorts for its director. While he is renowned for such acclaimed films as *Rosemary's Baby*, *Chinatown*, and *Tess*, Polanski also gained notoriety for a picture titled *Pirates*, a shameful swashbuckling saga that wound up as one of the biggest commercial and critical failures of 1986. (For me, that bomb was the third-worst movie of that year.)

After barely enduring the unbelievable badness of *Pirates*, I wondered if Polanski's once-commendable talents had abandoned him forever; however, *Frantic* has done a fine job of mending his damaged reputation as well as demonstrating that his career is now back on track.

—*Hope and Glory*: 4 STARS

Bearing a resemblance to both the 1986 hit *Stand By Me* and Steven Spielberg's *Empire of the Sun*, this heartwarming and beautifully made comedy-drama centers on the experiences in the life of a nine year-old English boy (Sebastian Rice-Edwards) throughout the years of the second World War.

Along with *Broadcast News*, *Fatal Attraction*, *The Last Emperor*, and *Moonstruck*, *Hope and Glory* has been nominated for the Academy Award for Best Picture of 1987; and, if I had my way, it would receive this

most prestigious Oscar hands-down.

Simultaneously funny and moving, the film depicts how children regard and adapt to the spectre of war, and how their sense of innocence becomes lost in the face of its deadly and destructive consequences.

Moreover, *Hope and Glory* is a nostalgic and autobiographical account of the boyhood of its maker, director John Boorman, whose earlier movies such as *Deliverance*, *Excalibur*, and *The Emerald Forest* did not lead us to believe that he was capable of infusing a story with the sort of warmhearted emotion that is found throughout his latest work.

Though it originally played in the Northampton area, *Hope and Glory* has been gradually making the rounds at our local theaters. Check the movie timetable in the *Springfield Union-News* to see where it might pop up next. Or, if it does not happen to appear anywhere else, be sure to keep an eye out for it when it is eventually released on videocassette.

—*Moving*: 1 STAR

A standard comedy starring Richard Pryor as an unemployed New Jersey suburbanite who finds a new job in Boise, Idaho, and begins the arduous and anxiety-ridden task of relocating his family to that across-the-country city. Yet, things go even more hectic than expected, particularly when he is forced to hire a band of disreputable movers who are apt to destroy his family's furniture and other belongings before they ever reach Boise.

Ever since he had his near-fatal, drug-related injury several years ago, Pryor's (*Critical Condition*) biting humor has softened up to the point of being bland, and this is reflected by the realization that he has not made a truly good film in God knows how long.

Unfortunately, *Moving* does nothing to reverse this downward trend in his career. To be fair, both Pryor and the picture itself have a couple of genuinely funny moments, but on the whole, this movie is a mess that is completely forgettable except for two things:

1) *Moving* features the acting debut of professional wrestler King Kong Bundy, who does a better job than you might expect, but whose gargantuan body still far

outweighs his thespian abilities; and

2) This is the first film that I have ever seen in which the first joke consists of a slovenly individual belching at the camera, thereby informing us that *Moving* is not to be confused with the comedies of Woody Allen or any other type of high-brow, sophisticated entertainment.

—*A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon*: 0 STARS

A deplorable and pretentious teenage comedy about an oversexed high school graduate (River Phoenix) who longs to earn the affections of the girl (Meredith Salenger) whom he loves before she leaves for college and exits his life for good.

Basically a poor man's version of the infinitely superior *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon* is a preposterous picture that not only chronicles the amorous adventures and problems of its implausible and dislikable title character, but it also contains a number of sexual situations that are too steamy for the teenybopper audience that it is catering to.

What's even worse, however, is that *A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon* suffers from delusions of grandeur. It tries to pass itself off as a sensitive and perceptive portrayal of the trials and tribulations of adolescent life, and this unwarranted claim to quality only magnifies the movie's shortcomings as a juvenile farce even more.

As the star of this fiasco, Phoenix does the best job that he possibly can; but, in view of the shoddiness of the script, his "best" is nothing to write home about. While this young actor drew raves for his first-rate performances in *Stand By Me* and *The Mosquito Coast*, his role in *A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon* was supposed to be his breakthrough as a leading performer.

Instead, thanks to its overall unsavoriness, the film winds up as an undeniable black mark in his impressive and budding career.

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—Switching Channels: 3 STARS

An updated remake of the now-classic play *The Front Page*, as well as the 1940 *His Girl Friday*, this enjoyable comedy deals with a top-rated television anchorwoman (Kathleen Turner) who plans to leave the news biz in order to marry a yuppie sporting goods tycoon (Christopher Reeve), much to the chagrin of her boss (Burt Reynolds)—who, by the way, also happens to be her ex-husband.

I'll make no bones about it; *Switching Channels* is a goofy, nonsensical, and farfetched piece of fluff that won't win any awards for originality. Yet, in spite of its silliness (or, perhaps, precisely because of it), it makes for lightweight, popcorn-perfect fun that will make you laugh, and its old-fashioned, screwball humor exposes the foibles of television journalism in a more entertaining manner than the vastly overrated and overblown *Broadcast News*.

Yet, the best things about this picture is the onscreen chemistry between its three stars and the fine performances that they turn in. As a young woman who eventually finds herself torn between giving up the job she really loves or keeping it, Turner (*Julia and Julia*) delivers a vivacious performance that is more delightful to watch than her commendable efforts in such loftier but flawed movies as *Prizzi's Honor* and *Peggy Sue Got Married*.

Reynolds (*Malone*), meanwhile, is equally energetic as a manipulative but generally good-natured rogue who'll do anything to get what he wants, and this portrayal represents his best comedic work in years. In the role of a pompous wimp that is totally removed from his silver-screen depiction of the Man of Steel, Reeve (*Superman IV: The Quest for Peace*) is downright hilarious, especially when his character's fear of heights is exposed in the film's most memorable and funniest scene.

Two supporting performers also deserve credit in *Switching Channels*. As a corrupt politician who longs to be the governor of his state, Ned Beatty (*The Big Easy*) displays a short-tempered and boisterous persona that would do Jackie Gleason's Ralph Kramden proud. And, in a deliberate case of offbeat casting, Henry Gibson (the milquetoast and pint-sized comedian from TV's *Laugh In*) is quite amusing as a convicted and reputedly cold-blooded murderer who is sentenced to be executed in the electric chair.

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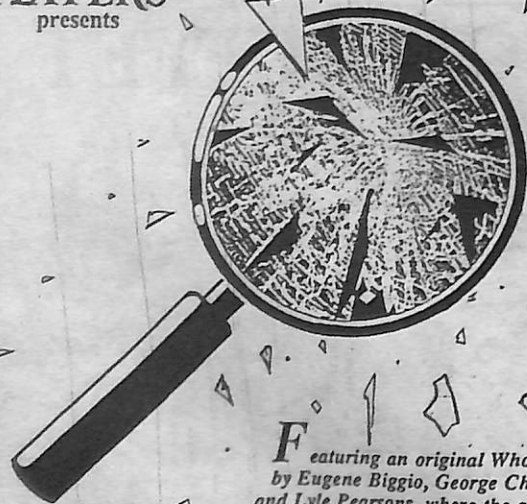
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Trumpet fanfares will announce an elegant costume ball when the court of Marie Antoinette comes to Suffield Saturday, April 9th.

Yes, the Queen will invite celebrants to eat cake. And dance. And also play games.

The 8:00 p.m.-to-midnight festivities are planned as the annual fundraiser to support the upkeep of historic Mapleton Hall, a 19th century meeting hall on Mapleton Road, Suffield. The Suffield Players, a 35 year-old community theatre company that performs in the hall, became sole tenant at the beginning of the year. The group is taking on the annual Mapleton gala with a pre-French-Revolutionary zeal.

For an evening, the Players will transform the hall into an 18th century French castle resplendent in banners and candelabra, costumed musicians playing songs of the period, demonstrations of skilled sword-play, parlor games, fortune-telling, a Punch and Judy show, and a playlet starring the Queen Herself.

The fundraiser will also feature a feast of French cuisine topped by flaming cherries jubilee, a Players favorite. Area businesses are contributing prizes which will be awarded by the Queen to party-goers who succeed at a royal treasure hunt.

Admission to the masked ball of Marie Antoinette at Mapleton Hall is \$25 per person. The price includes a royal command to arrive in full mask and costume, which may depict anything prior to the year 1790. A Greek goddess, a Roman soldier, medieval royalty, famous personages, and even a beast of the wild should please the French Queen Known for Her love of theater and parties.

All attending will receive a card with the name of a mystery person to seek out at the soiree for the first dance, prior to the grand unmasking. Guests will be guided in the protocol of meeting and addressing royalty, as well as the proper and merry steps of the minuet, a contradance, and a favorite of the Queen—the Virginia Reel.

The building of Mapleton Hall was begun in 1933 by the Northeast Suffield Hall Association, whose current membership continues to own the hall. Proceeds from the April 9th masked ball will support the cost of plumbing, fire-retarding improvements, landscaping, and general maintenance.

Tickets are limited to the first 200 reservations. Checks made out to Suffield Players, Inc., should be mailed by April 2nd to Suffield Players, P.O. Box 101, Suffield, Connecticut, 06078, with the notation "Masked Ball."

Art Lottery Grant Applications Available

Anyone interested in applying for an Art Lottery Grant may get an application at either the Agawam Public Library or the Town Hall.

The Art Lottery Grant process evolves from Massachusetts Lottery money. The Massachusetts Art Lottery Council announces the estimated share of lottery funds distributed (for each of the two funding cycles in a year) to participating communities that have a duly qualified local art lottery council. The Town of Agawam has such a council. This council is required to announce the funding period, who is eligible, deadlines, etc.

The funding cycle is twice a year, with the deadlines of April 1st and October 1st.

Any writers, poets, musicians, dancers, artists, craftpersons, and organizations whose creative efforts are dedicated to the arts and humanities are eligible to apply. The application must be typed and complete. The deadline for this funding cycle is April 1st. Applications are to be in the Town Hall by this date.

The council considers the following criteria on the selection of applications: benefit to the community, quality, dedication, accomplishment, financial need, and community involvement. These guidelines are established by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery Council.

A personal interview with the council follows. If approval is met, the application is then submitted to the Massachusetts Arts Council for review. After the Massachusetts council has approved the application according to the state guidelines, monies are given to the town's treasurer for payment. These payments are made either as a reimbursement or as progress payments.

The grant recipient, in all published materials and announcements regarding the activities or programs supported by Art Lottery funds, must acknowledge such assistance.

Agawam has had many worthwhile recipients in the past few years. The Massachusetts Arts Council on Art Appreciation Day, March 16th, recognized these efforts with a certificate of recognition at the State House in Boston. Bob Sands, a council member, received the certificate for the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council.

The council is looking for new members who are interested in the cultural future of Agawam and its townspeople. If anyone is interested in becoming a member, a letter may be sent to the Town Manager to explain why the position interests you, and what cultural interest you have.

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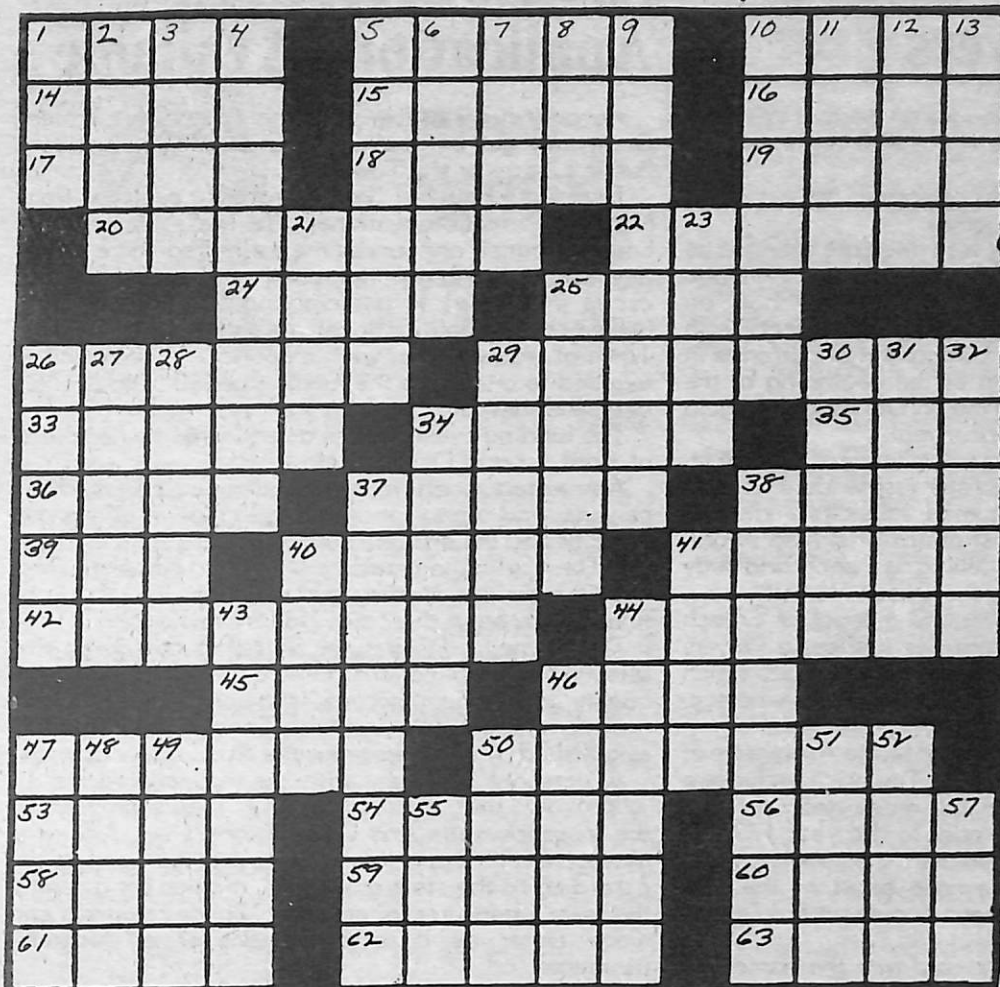
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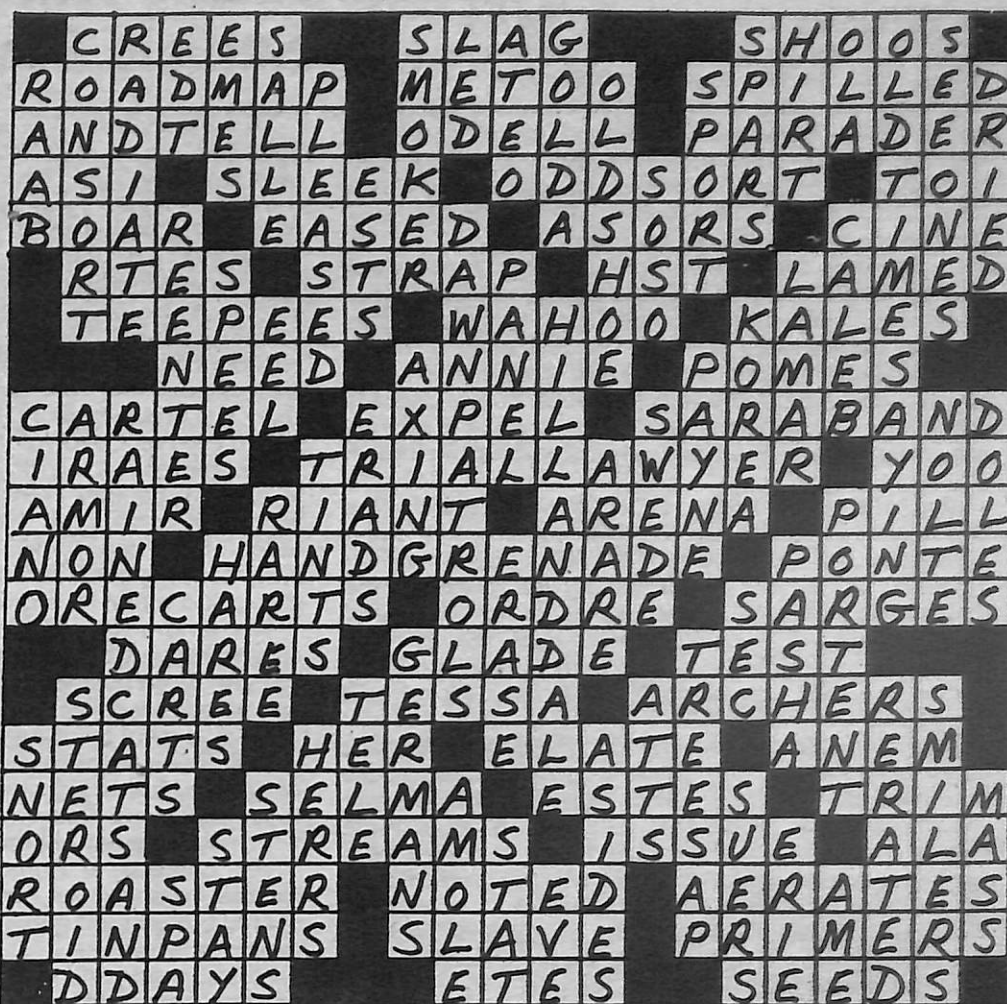
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by Julie Mercadante
Fugazy Travel



Fort Myers, Florida

It's March 12th and I'm lying on a beach on Sanibel Island in Southwest Florida. The temperature is in the low 80's; there's no humidity and there's not a cloud in the sky. A glorious day! A far cry from the three days of rain I had when I spent a long weekend here in February 1987.

I'm visiting my daughter, Darcy, son-in-law, John, and my granddaughter, Janelle, so I can't give you any hotel descriptions, but I can give you an idea of what there is to do in the area.

First and foremost are the beaches. Fort Myers Beach is an island connected to the mainland by a bridge. It's a long stretch of beach bordered by Estero Boulevard where shops and restaurants abound. If you like collecting shells, you might want to venture over to Sanibel and Captiva Islands. The beaches there are a "sheller's paradise." Sanibel is also connected to the mainland by a bridge as is Captiva to Sanibel.

One of the popular attractions on Sanibel is the J.N. "Ding" Darling national wildlife refuge. There are many varieties of birds to be seen in their natural habitat, along with the "gators," of which I saw about eight basking in the sun. Admission into the refuge is \$3 per vehicle. I found it very interesting.

Also on Sanibel is Bowman's Beach, a country park that's excellent for families. There are shade trees, picnic tables, and restrooms. Parking facilities are just a short walk to the beach. Admission is \$2 per vehicle.

Shelling is very good at all beaches on Sanibel but best at low tide and especially after a storm. If visiting Lighthouse Beach, you can walk at low tide around Lighthouse Point and on the bay side where you'll find shells, driftwood, and many birds.

If you prefer a lake to the ocean, "Lakes Park" is a beautiful, well-kept state park. There are walking, jogging, and biking trails (bike rentals available). You can rent a paddle boat, canoe, or just relax on the beach. There is lifeguard supervision, restroom and shower facilities, and snack bars. An excellent place to spend the day—young and old alike.

More to come on Fort Myers...

JOTS FROM JULIE: I've mentioned several times that the airlines are becoming very restrictive with carry-on baggage. Announcements were made at the gate that if carry-ons did not fit in the overhead compartment or under the seat, they would be tagged, removed from the aircraft, and shipped out on a later flight.

There are always those who don't pay attention, and one couple boarded the flight with a carefully packaged breakable item that could not be stowed. The captain waited on the runway while the stewardess had them unpack the box, put all the styrofoam bits in a trash bag, crush the box to fit under a seat, and wrap the object in a blanket to fit in the overhead bin. An embarrassing situation, and they were lucky that they had a congenial stewardess.

I'm late, I'm late for two very important dates. Belated birthday greetings Eddie and Jay! Happy Birthday, Dean.

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Also performing will be Connecticut's "Legacy" and from New Jersey, "Remaining Few." A special added attraction will be "Dubs," and the "Teflons" will also make an appearance.

There will be dancing all night long. Come with a group of friends and join the fun. Tickets are available for \$13.50 each by calling 786-1929 or 786-0602 (after 4:00 p.m.). Tables of ten can be reserved. Tickets are going fast and are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Craft Fair Applications Now Available At Christ Lutheran

Christ Lutheran Church will be sponsoring their 4th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, September 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on the grounds of the church. There is a rain date of Saturday, October 1st, in case of inclement weather.

Any area artists and crafts persons wishing to display their work are cordially invited to register. Each participant must register prior to the fair by filling out a registration form and enclosing a check for \$20 made out to Christ Lutheran Church-Crafts Fair.

Forms are available by contacting either Dot Coward, 569-5305; Marlene Harlin, 789-1443; or Jane Butova, 562-5214.

Applications Now Available For Arts & Crafts Festival

Applications are being accepted for the 14th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival to be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House, Saturday, June 4th, and Sunday, June 5th.

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The display features wooden and porcelain boxes in different shapes. These boxes are representative of the designs and styles of contemporary American decorative artists. The styles include Rosemaling, florals, scenery, French marketry, Chippendale, still

life, Pennsylvania Dutch, and Birds.

Decorative art emphasizes teaching techniques and craftsmanship to all levels of painters. Presently this art form is undergoing a strong revival across the United States and Europe.

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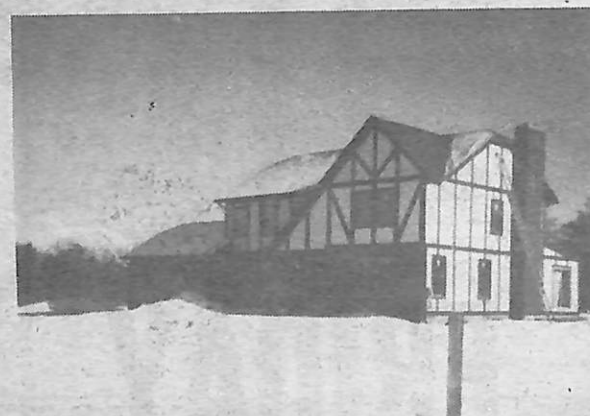
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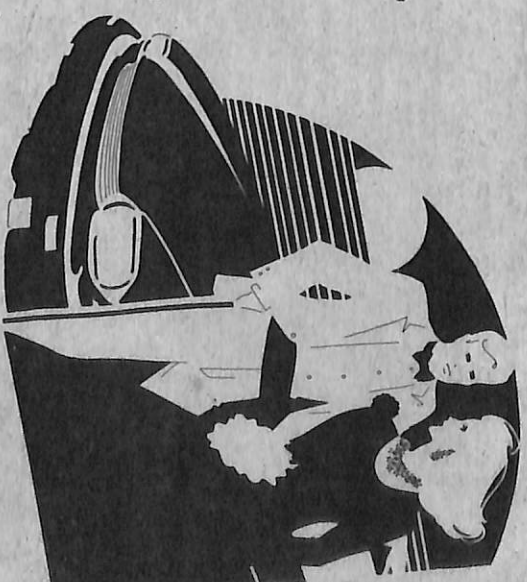
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Education

Foreign Languages Revel In Spotlight At Agawam High

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

"Put An Accent In Your Life": That's the slogan Agawam High School has developed for Foreign Language Week which is celebrated annually during the first week of March to acknowledge the importance and benefits of studying a foreign language.

Sponsored by ACTFL (American Council of Teachers of Foreign Languages), this week is recognized by schools throughout the nation. The state organization MaFLA (Massachusetts Foreign Language Association) and ACTFL suggest some activities, but the majority are left to the design by AHS to suit the individual and specific needs of the local population.

Chairwoman Melanie Poudrier of the Foreign Language Department at AHS said, "The students were assigned two individual projects from three categories: 1) Arts and Crafts—to make a foreign craft or a poster; 2) Writing—compose poetry in a foreign language or write an article summarizing their reactions about the Foreign Language Week; and 3) Theatrical—a skit or presentation that is an oral reading. Prizes were awarded to first place winners in each category during Culture Night.

"The posters will go into each classroom throughout (AHS) the school this week. The language teachers in our department (MaryEllen Bruce-Hanrahan, Mary Jean Dromey, Nancy Kundl, Carol Moran, and John Petrone) have tried to keep up with the latest techniques. They have attended workshops sponsored by the Western Mass. Language Collaborative and will attend a two-day conference by the MaFLA.

"We are striving towards oral proficiency, the oral use of the language, although we still stress the skills of reading and writing. But it's the oral part that is really going to be used. Listening comprehension and oral tests are both given to our students. We are always trying to update and implement new tools in the class."

A lot of planning and organization on the part of this department's faculty went into making Foreign Language Week at AHS so enjoyable. For the theatrical projects, teachers suggested using "Lala" to make up a product and commercial about. Ms. Poudrier said, "One group tried to sell 'Lala' bottled air in California. Another did a 'rap' in French."

She continued, "The students had passports for participating in all of the activities and projects this week. They can earn up to 75 points on the passports for each item, and it will be applied to one-half a test grade."

One of the activities was a "Mystery Voice Contest." Ten people from the faculty at AHS, a non-language teacher or administrator, made tapes lasting a few minutes. The tape was repeated during language classes and over the P.A. system so that any student could participate in the contest to identify the speaker and the language. A prize was awarded for the winner of the contest. Many contributions for the prizes were gift certificates from McDonalds.

Lunches were enhanced last week with an ethnic menu in the school cafeteria. Ms. Poudrier said, "The cafeteria staff has been just wonderful. Besides the Italian, Polish and French menu, they have included cultural hats, music, and small flags." The students earned points on their passports each time they purchase the fine cuisines.

While enjoying their meal, each day the students—tried—to answer two trivia questions relating to foreigners who made a breakthrough in science, geography, or ethnic foods for another part of the fun and prizes. Questions like "How many countries border Russia?" and "What's the main ingredient in Guacamole?" were asked.

There was also a "Treasure Hunt" during the week. The students received "a mixture of language clues to find a treasure hidden somewhere in the building," said Ms. Poudrier. "We also did a poll of the faculty



LOOKING OVER THIS PIECE OF ARTWORK during Foreign Language Week at Agawam High School are students Jennifer McNamee, Shawn McCormick, faculty member MaryEllen Bruce-Hanrahan, and Jennifer Scaggs. Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan is a Spanish teacher at the school, and is also the faculty advisor to the club's American Field Service (AFS) Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

and some of the members came in to speak during language classes. Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan spoke; Ed Stentaford, a math teacher, spoke about Germany; and Lynn Litchfield, a history teacher, spoke about Mexico. American Field Service (AFS) students Diana Salce of the Dominican Republic, Julie Skov from Denmark, and Linda Thomson from Scotland spoke to the language classes about their experiences as foreign exchange students.

AHS senior Lisa Connery, who travelled to Ecuador as an AFS student last summer, also spoke to classes. AHS also invited School Committee member Walter Balboni as a guest speaker from the community. Ms. Poudrier said, "Mr. Balboni spoke to students about Italy and the students were spellbound the whole period. He was very interesting." Monty Miller of Sweeney Brothers in Chicopee spoke to the students about China. Miller speaks several languages fluently and is presently planning another trip to China.

Tuesday was designated "International Hat Day" and Thursday was "Foreign Language T-shirt Day."

The teachers wore special foreign language buttons and some even participated wearing T-shirts. There was also a decorated showcase and bulletin boards throughout the school. Special prizes for the individual projects were awarded and announced at the gala event Thursday during Foreign Language Culture Night.

Ms. Poudrier added, "In Agawam, language starts in the eighth grade. We have taught up to the fifth year (level) of French and Spanish. The colleges give the students three to six free credits because of this level. Students have also benefitted from travels. This year I will be taking students to Mexico; we have gone to France, Belgium, and Spain in previous years. Teacher John Petrone has taken students to Italy."

The ability to communicate with people of other ethnic origins can contribute to a broadened international perspective in addition to an understanding and respect for people with different linguistic and cultural backgrounds. Foreign Language Week's slogan, "Put An Accent In Your Life," acknowledges these benefits—whether the travel to foreign cultures be for enjoyment or career.

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400 Pack Agawam High Cafeteria For International Banquet

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Approximately 400 students, parents, and faculty members packed the Agawam High School cafeteria last Thursday evening to celebrate "Foreign Language Culture Night."

Everyone took part in the meal preparation bringing dishes for a "pot luck supper." The feast included foods of Italian, Polish, Greek, German, French, and Mexican cultural origins.

After dinner foreign language students provided some linguistic entertainment. John Petrone's French students performed a skit "Alluete" in a visual interpretation while they sang the well-known song, plucking the feathers off a lark.

Mary Jean Dromey's Spanish students did a skit about a distressing waitress in a restaurant that finally sent her patrons running to McDonalds. Miss Dromey's Latin students put on a skit (speaking in English) called, "Julius Caesar's Home Coming Football Game."

Mary Ellen Bruce-Hanrahan's Spanish students performed two separate skits. However, both skits were based on the "Lala" name suggested by Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan to put to a product and make a commercial to sell the product.

One group sold us "Lala" peanut butter in Spanish, but the winners (judged by the group of parents and students that night) were unanimously the students singing their commercial to the tune of "LaBomba" — the bottled air sold to all those smog ridden in Los Angeles, California — "Lala, for a breath of fresh air."

Individual projects of foreign crafts, poetry, and posters were displayed in the cafeteria. Gift certificates with money donated by the Office of Student Affairs at AHS for the crafts and poetry were awarded.

Melanie Poudrier (Foreign Language Department chairwoman at AHS) said, "The students did all the decorating after-school on Thursday to get the cafeteria ready for Culture Night. They are really good kids; most students who take a foreign language are college-bound and are willing to take on the work."

She continued, "We had other students who performed skits during the week for other classes. We just did not have the time to get everyone ready for Culture Night."

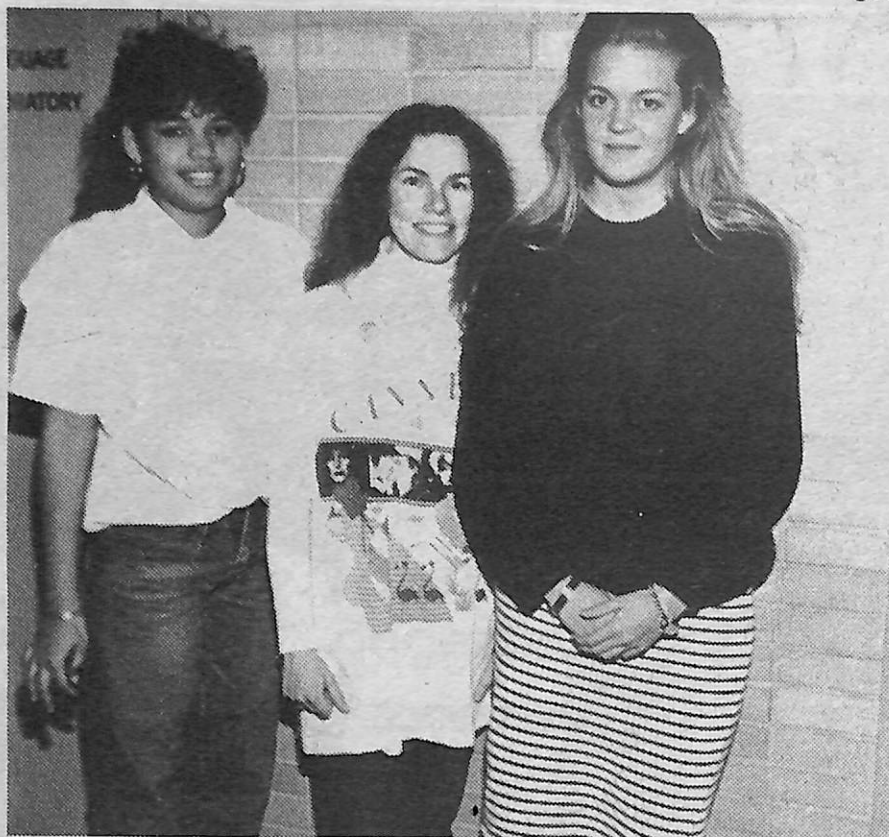
It was quite an accomplishment to coordinate and plan the amount of activities and projects that were done during Foreign Language Week at AHS. Ms. Poudrier and Mrs. Bruce-Hanrahan worked together to compile the entire agenda and should be congratulated on their efforts. (See related article — "Put An Accent In Your Life")

Announcements during Culture Night included Honorable Mention to **Douglas Perry**, **David Champigny**, **Christine Fillion**, and **Beth Westfort** for their posters. Prize winners for crafts included first place, **Karen Runshaw** (Chinese kite), **Karen McCarthy** (batik-Indonesia), and **Missy Rinaldi** (Japanese origami bouquet). There were eight students who received Honorable Mention in Crafts and four in Poetry. Poetry winners were **Gina Marcheselli** (Italian 1), **Rob Churchill** (Italian 2), **Kristen Radtke** (Spanish 3), and **Jody Warren** (Spanish 4).



INTERNATIONAL FACULTY: Nancy Kundl, representing France; and Spanish teachers MaryEllen Bruce-Hanrahan and Melanie Poudrier. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Jack Devine.



FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT HEAD Melanie Poudrier pictured with American Field Service students **Diana Salce** (Dominican Republican-left) and **Julie Scov** (Denmark). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AT THE AHS Foreign Language Culture Night was attended by about 400 people, including students **Stacy Koretz** and **Anne Llewellyn**, and language teachers **John Petrone** and **Mary Jean Dromey**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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PICTURED BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL DINNER at the Agawam High School are AHS students Gretchen Bauman, Crissy Drew, and Chrisy Skiba. RELATED PHOTOS on Pages 34, 35, and 37). Advertiser

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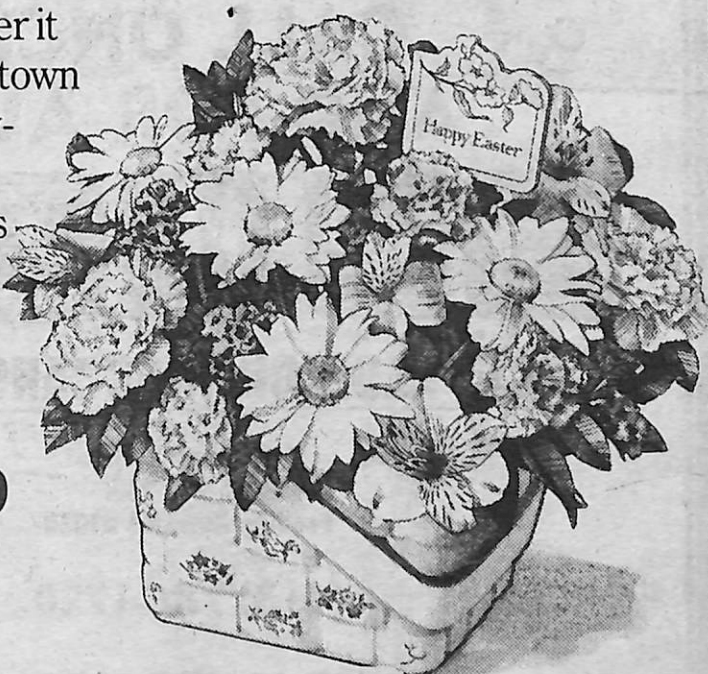
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SHOWING-OFF A POSTER OF GAY PARIS at the AHS Foreign Language Culture Night are students Karen McCarthy, Lisa Connery, Alex Kohli, and Tina Book. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



*A sincere thanks
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We thank all our family and friends, especially Auntie Cindi. A benefit was recently held at the Turnverein Club put on by Jay & Donna Light and Friends. We want to thank them for all they did. Also a special thanks to the club and the D.J. and everyone involved that helped Melani.

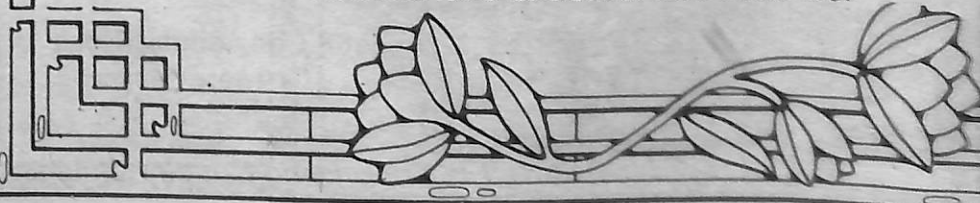
We wish to thank our friends at Amanda's Restaurant especially David Tourville, and our friends at E.B.'s Restaurant who worked so hard to help. Also, a special thanks to Jim Borgatti, & Hood's employees, & Debbie at Ann Field's Restaurant, & all the bowlers that helped.

We appreciate all of the cards and letters that really kept our hopes going in the right direction. Melani is home reoperating and has a long, hard road ahead of her.

Thank you Agawam and the whole community for your support.

With Much Gratitude And Appriciation,

*Susan, Paul
Melanie Sue & Marci Lee Muenier*



More AHS Language Week Pictures



PICTURED DURING the Agawam High School Foreign Language Week - foreign exchange student Linda Thompson of Glasgow, Scotland (left), and senior Lisa Connery, who visited Ecuador last summer on an AFS summer exchange. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TEACHER LYNN LITCHFIELD shows slides during Foreign Language Week at Agawam High last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Aspiring Young Artists Invited To Smith Art Museum

There is still time for youngsters aged 13 to 16 to sign-up for **Drawing and Painting: New Sensations**, offered this spring at the School of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum.

Course instructor Corkey Dean, of Amherst, will take students on a trip back in time to the turn of the century. Once there, students will focus their attention on mastering drawing and painting skills while discussing various artists of the past 80 years.

Projects will include making a painting that appears to jump and move, and creating a painting that looks like a photograph. There will be plenty of time to experiment with different uses of color and to explore the museum's collection of modern paintings.

Mail-in registration is now being taken through Friday, April 1st. Class begins Monday, April 4th, at 3:30 p.m., and will run for nine weeks.

Dean is a graduate of the University of Texas. He recently received his master's in fine arts from UMass, and has joined the full-time staff of the art museums.

For more information, call 733-4214, and ask for the education department.

Boy Scout Troop 78 To Hold Paper Drive April 9-10

Polish American Club Boy Scout Troop 78 is holding a paper drive to fund the scouting program for the growing troop. The troop provides boys ages 11 to 18 a chance to learn new skills, go camping, and have fun together.

The paper drive will provide money to pay for equipment as well as camping trips.

The paper drive will be Saturday, April 9th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 10th, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., at the Polish American Club grounds.

For information and paper pick-ups, please call Scoutmaster Hugh McBride, 786-6179.

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Japanese Folklore Brought To Life At Robinson Park School

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

The Enchanted Circle Theater's unusual style of integrating dance and drama with storytelling was brought to Robinson Park Elementary School this past Monday. The repertoire was a culmination to Robinson's study of Japanese culture for the past few months made possible through school improvement funds.

The first folk tale of Japan presentation, "The Woman Who Laughed," dramatized the adventures of a woman flute maker (played by Priscilla Kane Hellweg) who takes an exciting journey to the land of the "wicked Onis" (played by Lisa Enzer and James Emery). The original story, "The Dumpling Maker," was modified to a woman who makes flutes to include an anthology of recorded Japanese music, as well as live flute and percussion. In this "Alice In Wonderland" resemblance, the flute-maker finds that the fiendish Onis have one endearing quality—they love flute music.

During the intermission, the children participated in a game allowing them to become "wicked Onis." Some of the children also modeled the gigantic fiberglass mask (large enough for two or three children to wear at once). The students learned that an artist had molded the mask for the performers and they decorated it with styrofoam eyes, aluminum foil teeth, and yarn hair, along with the painted war-like face, to make it so ominous.

"The Stonecutter" was then presented in a more serious nature. The story began with the humble stonecutter (Lisa Enzer) spending her days with a hammer and chisel, cutting away at the mountain to form the large stones used for making the temples. Seized by envy after seeing a wealthy prince pass by one day, the stonecutter calls on the Spirit (Priscilla Kane Hellweg) who lives in the mountain to transform her into a wealthy prince, too.

The series of changes depicted through striking choreography by the actors (including James Emery) transform the stonecutter Tasaku through a complete physical cycle.

In her quest for power, Tasaku first becomes a powerful prince who hungers for the strength of the sun. As the sun, Tasaku longs for the power of the cloud that can block her burning rays. When the Spirit transforms her to a cloud, Tasaku evokes havoc on the land in violent thunderstorms and floods that wash away most of the land; but she soon finds there is still one mightier than she—the mountain.

Again her request is filled by the Spirit in the mountain and she becomes what she thinks is the most powerful of all. Tasaku becomes the mountain, yet she trembles within as the lowly stonecutter comes to cut away at her and alas, Tasaku longs to be what she began as.

Tasaku calls upon the Spirit one last time to return her original form upon realizing she had all the power needed within herself. She fills the remainder of her days as a stonecutter, issuing her mighty blows against the mountain with pride and joy.

The actors came on stage after the two performances to answer questions from the children. One child asked, "How did you learn to dance like that and make it look so good?"

To which the performers replied, "We love to answer questions like those! It has taken approximately 12 years of practice. We thank you very much for the compliment on our work, and for being such an attentive audience."



THE ENCHANTED CIRCLE THEATRE performs Japanese Folk Tales to delighted students at Robinson Park School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Early Childhood Advisory Council Establishes Info Workshops

In response to the Needs Assessment, The Early Childhood Advisory Council of the Agawam School Department will present four informational workshops at the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m., on the following dates:

March 23rd—Fostering Independence and Developing a Good Sense of Self. Speaker, Dr. Robert Dean, clinical psychologist.

March 30th—Practical Home Behavior Strategies. Speaker, Joanne Murphy, supervisor for Residential Services, Hampden County.

April 6th—School Strategies for Managing Misbehavior. Speakers, Susan Dukeshire, DLC III teacher; Darlene Woolson, home/school adjustment counselor; Susan Moesley, school psychologist; Constance Finn, early childhood screener.

All those interested are invited to attend.

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MANY CALLS WERE RECEIVED by local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry to help with the names of the Agawam High Class of 1935. The final and complete list was submitted to us by Helen Atwood (widow of Harlan Atwood-in picture), who gives complete credit to Ethel Smith Gibson, a member of the AHS Class of 1936. Save this picture and tune-in next week for the complete list of names.

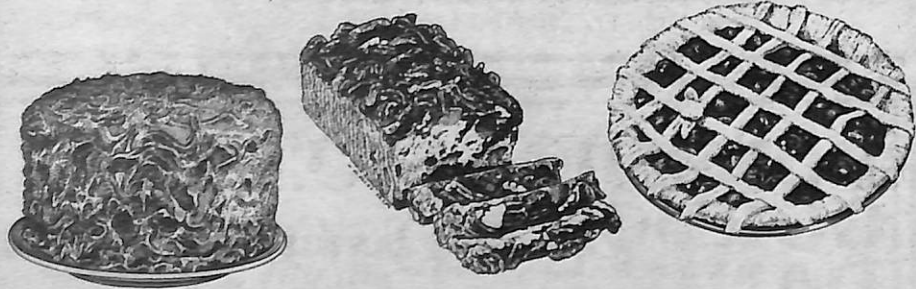


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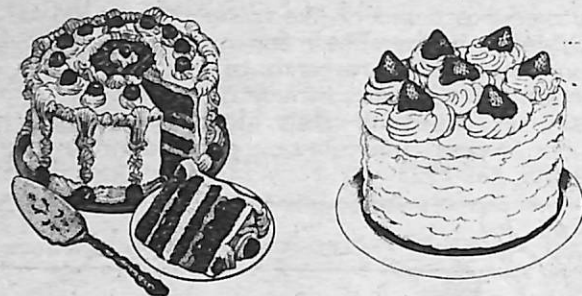


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Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, March 21st: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered peas and carrots, mustard, relish, catsup, pineapple tidbits in syrup, milk.

Tuesday, March 22nd: Cup of soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, peaches in syrup, milk.

Wednesday, March 23rd: Spaghetti with meatsauce, buttered green beans, Italian bread and butter, applesauce or chocolate brownie, milk.

Thursday, March 24th: Roasted turkey with brown gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, rosy applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, March 25th: Oven baked fish nuggets, french fries, buttered corn, tartar sauce, catsup, ice cream, milk.

La Leche League Offers Advice On Breastfeeding

Where should a new mother go for advice about breastfeeding? According to a recent survey, many doctors, childbirth educators and nurses recommend that mothers turn to La Leche League.

The survey, conducted by an independent research firm and sponsored by Proctor and Gamble, revealed that nearly all the physicians who participated in the survey were highly in favor of breastfeeding. Most recommended that mothers nurse their babies for at least 19 weeks. Forty-two percent of the pediatricians included in the sample suggested that mothers breastfeed their babies "as long as possible."

If you are considering breastfeeding, the best time to become informed is before the birth of your baby. The second of a series of four meetings will be held Monday, March 21st, at 8:00 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield. Becoming A Family will be the topic discussed.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art Of Breastfeeding*. The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding. For further information, call Pat, 737-9993, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch At Clark School



DURING THE RECENT SCHOOL TOGETHERNESS WEEK at James Clark School, faculty members Sheryl Mardeusz, Gail Curnow, Jane Robinson, and Evvy Teres all enjoy a quiet lunch while members of the school's PTO stood watch over the children in the cafeteria. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MORE CLARK SCHOOL TEACHERS enjoying solace and solitude during lunch - Beverly Goodwin, Beverly DeGeorge, Bob Sekor, Laura Lewis, Marge Greenough, and MaryEllen Keiter. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Clark School Week Of School Togetherness

More Family Programs At Laughing Brook



Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center, Hampden, is currently accepting registrations for a variety of family programs designed to increase your enjoyment of spring. Pre-registration is required three days in advance of each program.

"Sugarin' Off," Saturday, March 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon will acquaint you with the art of maple sugaring. This age-old example of New England agricultural ingenuity is still alive and tasty in the hills of western Massachusetts.

The morning will begin with a hearty breakfast of pancakes and fresh maple syrup. A visit to a sugaring house active since the turn of the century will follow. The program takes place in the hilltown of Chesterfield. Directions will be sent after registration. The non-member fees are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, non-members; Massachusetts Audubon member fees are \$6 for adults, and \$4 for children.

"Watching For Woodcocks," Saturday, April 9th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., begins with an indoor introduction to these interesting birds and their unusual courtship ritual. The "peent" of the woodcock is a sure sign that spring is near. A short trip to a nearby field to observe their spectacular mating dance will follow. Children are welcome, but must be able to sit quietly for approximately one-half hour during the observation period. Fees for the program are \$3 for Mass. Audubon Society members, and \$4 for non-members.

"Spring Serenade," Friday, April 15th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., will focus on our local amphibians. Spring peepers and wood frogs are among the earliest spring singers in local wetlands. This time of year, frogs, toads, and salamanders return to swamps and ponds to mate and lay their eggs.

The breeding season gives people a chance to observe these common but often unnoticed animals. A brief indoor introduction will be followed by a trip outside to experience this spring serenade. Put on your galoshes and get ready for a different kind of Friday night! Fees for the program are \$3 for Mass. Audubon Society members, and \$4 for non-members.

For further information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

IN FIRST PHOTO AT LEFT, James Clark School students John Aponte, Anne Carroll, Rebecca Avery, and William Gensheimer display their stuffed animals on "Stuffed Animal Day" at the school; IN PHOTO BELOW, other Room 1 students, including Jason Cabral, Jenny Ohnstad, Cathy Dickinson, and James Dziedzina show-off their favorite stuffed animals. Last week Clark School held a variety of fun days for the students and faculty members to participate in. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Poison Prevention Being Stressed For Kids' Benefit

Mercy Hospital and area pharmacies are co-sponsoring an intensive poison prevention campaign in the Western Massachusetts area for National Poison Prevention Week, March 20th to 26th.

From March 20th to 31st, Mercy Hospital and the Western Massachusetts Pharmaceutical Association will be working with over 50 local pharmacies to provide free Ipecac (a syrup that induces vomiting) to anyone who brings in an emptied, outdated prescription container. Posters, advocating "Clean Out The Skeletons In Your Closet," will be provided by Mercy Hospital and displayed in participating pharmacy windows.

In cooperation with WWLP TV22, Mercy's Pharmacy Department will help produce a public service announcement on poison prevention that will be aired several times prior to and during Poison Prevention Week. Also, there will be a poison information display in the Mercy Hospital main lobby, March 21st to 25th, with poison prevention material (in both English and Spanish) and a complete listing of participating area pharmacies.

To help educate families about poison prevention, Mercy has designed a "poisons checklist," a practical home safety guide for parents, reviewing problem areas of the house where poisons are most likely to be stored. These guides will be available at participating pharmacies and in the hospital's main lobby, March 21st to 25th.

Every year, over 100,000 children are brought into hospital emergency rooms after ingesting prescription drugs and other poisonous substances. Since more than half of all poisonings occur accidentally, Mercy Hospital Director of Clinical Pharmacology Scott Traub, Pharm. D., believes that a major focus for both parents and health professionals should be on prevention rather than treatment.

"Poisonings usually happen because people are not aware of the potential dangers in household items, drugs, or plants," said Traub. "As a health-care facility, Mercy Hospital feels it is part of our responsibility to educate people about poison prevention. Because pharmacists are the safety net for proper drug use in the health-care system, and are readily accessible to most people, we are in the perfect position to get the point across."

According to the New York State Journal of Pharmacy, 64 percent of potentially toxic ingestion in children under five involved the ingestion of a large number of common household products, 26 percent involved the ingestion of drugs, and the remaining 10 percent involved the ingestion of plants.

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Middle School's Problem Solvers



FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING TEAMMATES Cara Tonelli, Addie DiMare, Joy Ann Conte, and Sheri Bednarzyk work on an "Acid Rain" solution. If the team's scores win in local competition, they will be invited to state competition in May. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam School System Involved With SC

Springfield College and the Public School Systems of Agawam, Gateway, Granby, Southwick, West Springfield, and Westfield have established a collaborative for Gifted and Talented Education, it was announced by the college's Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Martin J. Anisman.

The collaborative is aimed at providing for the collective development and use of enrichment resources and program activities for use with gifted and talented students. The collaborative will also identify and make possible the sharing of pertinent and current information in this area, and will provide for the training of present and future professional staff and volunteers in all aspects of programming for the gifted and talented.

The program will concentrate on two major areas—adult training and the establishment of a resource center. Funded by the Massachusetts Board of Regents, with in-kind support from the participants, the program will permit administrators, teachers, volunteers, and parents to attend area/regional workshops and conferences on the gifted and talented. The program will also provide consultants to assist communities in meeting specific needs, including specialized training to be offered on the college's campus.

A computerized enrichment resource center based through the college's Department of Teacher Education will be created and maintained by the grant coordinator. Some Springfield College faculty working in their areas of expertise will be available to offer guidance about gifted and talented activities to teachers within the collaborative school systems.

Commenting on the collaborative, Dr. Anisman noted, "Gifted and talented education is gradually being recognized as an important and necessary part of both a school system's curriculum and the training of present and future teachers. Springfield College is pleased to share its human and physical resources in support of education for the gifted and talented with these communities."

"Through our joint efforts, we hope to correct current deficiencies that exist in the delivery of vitally needed resources and diversified programs for this important segment of our school's population."

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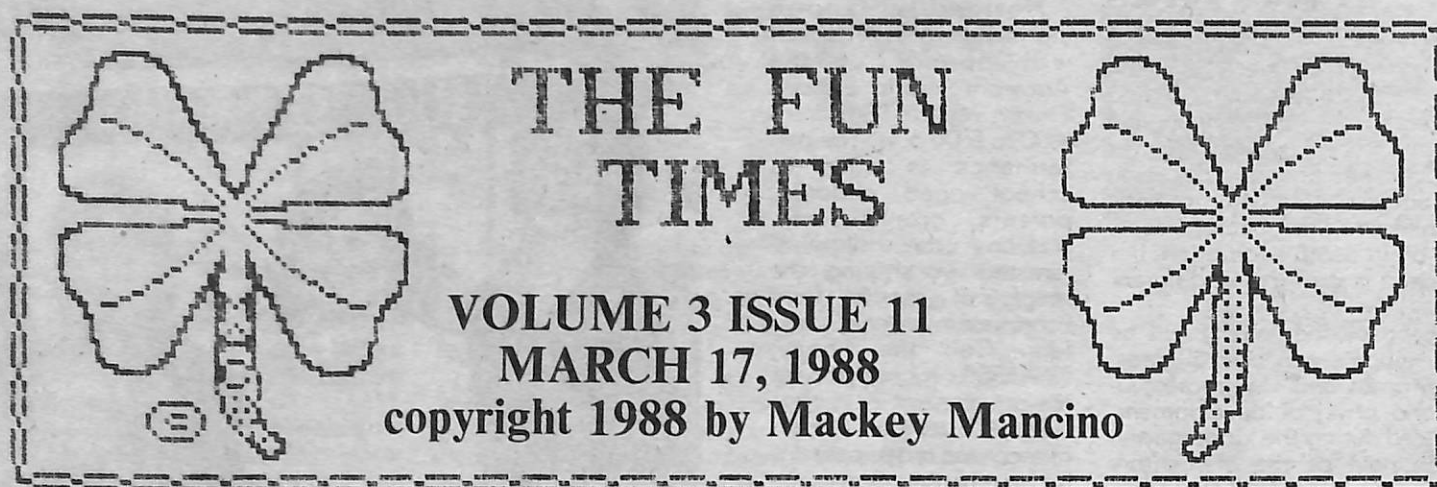
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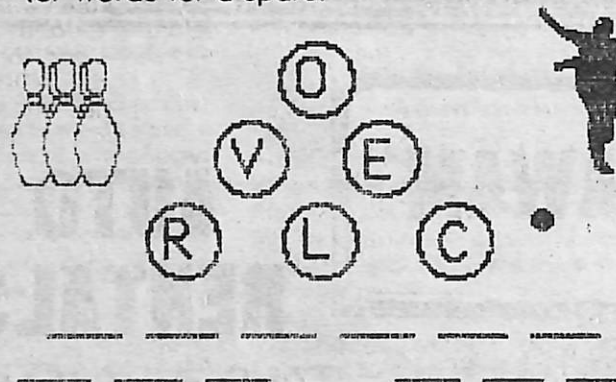
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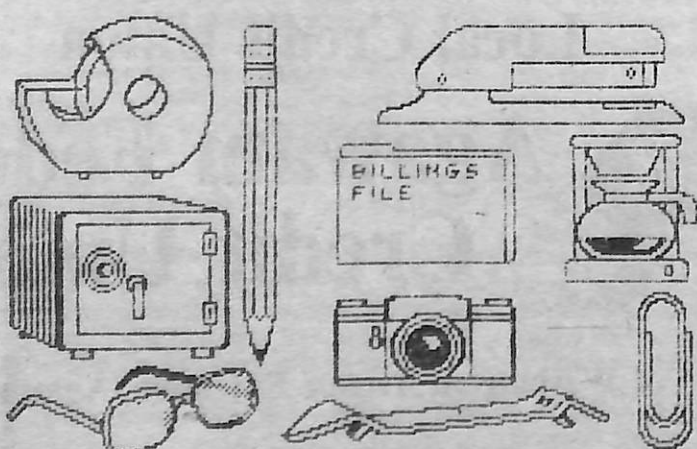
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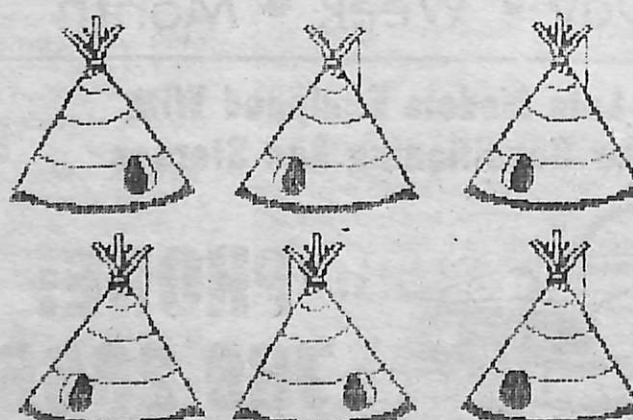
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Ag. Public Schools To Register & Screen New Kindergarten Kids

The Agawam Public Schools will be conducting registration and screening of children entering kindergarten in September 1988. Children who will be five years of age prior to October 1st, 1988 are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 1988.

Chapter 766, the Massachusetts Special Education Regulations, requires that each school district provide services for identifying children with special needs. Screening is not a test nor an in depth evaluation, but an observation of how a child is growing in different areas of development.

A screening test composed of specialists, will be observing the children's development in several areas, namely: Speech, language, gross and fine motor, vision, hearing, behavior, and physical development. This process will be completed during the kindergarten registration, which will be held at the elementary schools.

Screening dates are as follows:

Clark School, Monday, March 28th, Tuesday, March 29th;

Phelps School, Wednesday, March 30th, Thursday, March 31st;

Robinson Park School, Monday, April 4th, Tuesday, April 5th;

Granger School, Wednesday, April 6th, Thursday, April 7th, Friday, April 8th.

UNICO Scholarships Now Available

Mike DeLucchi of Agawam UNICO today announced that scholarship applications for college-bound Agawam High School seniors are now available at the school's Guidance Office. Please see department chairman Paul Cavallo for further information.

If you have any questions, call Mike DeLucchi, 786-3584 or Louie Russo, 786-9107.

Storyteller Coming To Ag. Lib.

Nationally known storyteller Milbre Burch will appear at the Agawam Public Library, Friday, March 18th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The performance is open to school aged children, parents, grandparents, and any other adults interested in sharing the magic of stories from literature, legend, and lore. Call the library, 789-1550, to register for the program.

Ms. Burch's performance was made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.



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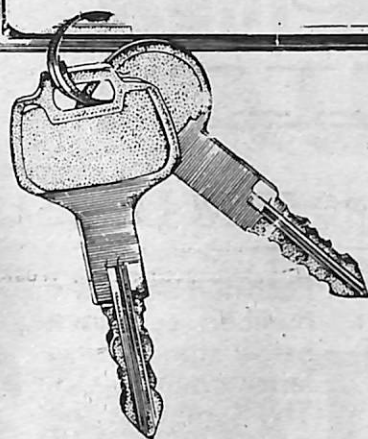


Jeanne Hofmann At Phelps PTO



THE AGAWAM PUBLIC LIBRARY'S Children's Librarian, Jeanne Hofmann, recently was the featured speaker at a Phelps PTO meeting. Pictured with Jeanne (center) are PTO members Jane Sauter (kindergarten teacher), Grace Tilden (vice-president), Mrs. Hofmann, and Louis Abdow (president). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Sports

WS Prevails In OT Over AHS, 4-3

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

West Springfield High School had the momentum and its legs. The Agawam High Brownies were weary but still had many chances to win. But in the end the West Siders avenged last year's loss to AHS in the Division II finals with a thrilling, 4-3 overtime victory before 4,300 boisterous but well-behaved fans at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Mike Reed scored on a rebound with 24 seconds remaining in the overtime and the party and wild celebration began for the West Side team and large fan contingent.

The Brownies had led, 3-1, in the third period but two late West Side goals sent the game to OT. The Brownies had several sterling opportunities to score in the final period, including Ricky Parolo's last-second rush that saw him unable to get a shovel-shot off before the buzzer sounded. Parolo just slumped into the corner both frustrated and exhausted.

After two periods where he looked rather shaky at times, West Side goalie Jeff McCarroll came up big in the third period (and overtime) to finish with 51 saves.

Brownie goalie David Laudato (SEE RELATED STORY), who played with a cracked left collarbone, played a valiant and courageous game, but the mobility that has brought him raves as the best goalie in this region was hampered and West Side scored three times on rebounds that Laudato could not stop.

Still, most agreed it was an outstanding game that both schoolboy sides deserved to win. "We gave it our all but we ran out of gas in the end," said Brownie coach Len Bruso, who led the locals to a Berry Division title again this season.

Senior defenseman Dennis Punch, who was on the ice for virtually the entire game, played remarkably, proving he again deserves the "Eddie Shore Award" this year as the area's top backliner. The other Brownie senior who receives more than his share of accolades on the schoolboy ice was senior forward Ricky Parolo.

Also having standout games were Dan Asselin, Mike Passerini, Dave Noonan, Tom Greene, Paul Karam, and Steve Silva. Asselin and Passerini each scored, while Parolo tallied the Brownies' first goal.

The game was high-powered and clean from the opening seconds to the Reed's OT goal. AHS had the game's first real scoring threat 35 seconds into the contest. Asselin fired a hard wrist shot that West Side's McCarroll got a piece of but had beaten him. The puck slid behind McCarroll but did not cross the line.

Six minutes later, the game's first blood was drawn. And was it pretty. Green set-up Parolo with a flip pass in front, and the senior sniper batted it out of mid-air (it was waist high) past a stunned McCarroll for a 1-0 lead.

The pace continued hot and heavy but neither side was able to do any damage. WS's best chance came with 1:20 left in the period as Reed cruised in all alone

on Laudato, who came out of the net to cut the angle and stop the scoring bid.

The Brownies had the definite advantage in the first period, outshooting WS 18-8, but McCarroll managed to allow just one goal.

The Brownies came out fast in the second period. Just over two minutes in, the locals took advantage of a power play chance. Karam found Asselin in the Terriers zone and Asselin unloaded a rocket of a wrist shot that beat McCarroll in the top right corner for a 2-0 lead.

Twenty seconds later Karam was denied after an 18-foot blast from the right wing. WS started to come on strong after this. A few minutes later, WS put some heavy pressure on Laudato and it finally paid dividends. In a maze of players Tim Brickley picked-up a loose puck and snuck it past a helpless Laudato to cut the lead to 2-1.

But the Brownies had another answer. After applying plenty of hit in the Terrier zone, Punch feed a wide-open Noonan at the right point and he blasted a slap shot that Passerini re-directed past McCarroll.

WS dominated the final two minutes of the period, but Laudato held his ground and AHS went to the final period with a 3-1 lead.

Karam, Punch, Passerini, and Greene all had golden chances to score in the third period, but McCarroll was now a monster in the nets. The Terriers changed the momentum with a short-handed goal. Brickley blasted a drive from the point that Laudato kicked-out. Reed then put the rebound in the net with 8:51 left to make it 3-2.

After a few chances by both sides, the Terriers got the equalizer. After Laudato made back-to-back saves, WS's Tony Siciliano put a rebound in the back of the net with 2:21 left to knot things at 3-3.

The final few minutes were frantic as each side tried to get the game-winner. WS's Bill Dolan had a huge chance with only 15 seconds left, but Laudato came up big.

The puck was then cleared and suddenly Parolo was skating around two defenders. He tried desperately to get off a shot with in the goal-mouth, but was unable to do so as he went sliding into the boards.

Green had OT's first chance as he unloaded a blast from the right point, but McCarroll was there. WS had a big chance with under two minutes left, but managed to hit the post to Laudato's left. The puck was cleared.

Then, with 30 seconds left, WS's Dolan came in all alone on Laudato but Laudato was there to make the initial save. However, the rebound was controlled by WS and Laudato had to make another save.

But the third rebound was the killer. The puck came right out front and Reed was in the right place at the right time - and he put in the game-winner.

Celebration time for West Side.



A WEST SIDE FORWARD battles defenseman Dennis Punch during the Division II hockey final at the Coliseum. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Even One-Armed Dave Laudato Gets Fabulous Reviews

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Deja-vu. We all have traveled this road at some time. When it came to the Division II Western Mass. hockey finals, it was deja-vu time. The same two teams playing in overtime - again. Unfortunately for Agawam High, the situation was the same but the outcome was different.

Mike Reed scored on a rebound with 24 seconds remaining in overtime over one-armed goalie David Laudato to give West Springfield a dramatic, 4-3 victory over AHS Thursday, March 10th, in the WMass hockey finals before an overflow crowd of 4,300 screaming fans at the Eastern States Coliseum.

Although it was a bitter pill for the Brownie fans to swallow, everyone was treated to one of the best schoolboy games of the season. In fact, it ranks as one of the more thrilling games ever in the Western Mass. Tournament (including last year's AHS victory). The drawback for the Brownies was that West Side won.

Last year the Brownies stormed back from a 4-1 deficit with three third period goals. In the overtime, Ricky Parolo gave the locals the title on a tip-in (5-4). This year West Side fought back from a 3-1 third period deficit with two late goals before Reed's game-winner. As the saying goes, the Brownies got a taste of their own medicine.

"This was by far the best game of the year," noted coach Len Bruso. "The guys played a good game but we ran out of gas in the end."

It was apparent that the two-week layoff from competition had taken its toll on the Brownies, who really looked weary in the late-going. Bruso agreed. "The layoff definitely hurt us. The guys lost their legs in the end and that's something we haven't done all season. Still, it was an outstanding game."

It was a remarkable game. Both teams gave it all they had and in the end, about 100 shots had been taken at both goals. It was like a title fight but West Side had more energy in the 15th round.

By far the most courageous fighter was junior All-Western Mass. netminder David Laudato, who came to play with a cracked left collarbone. In effect, he played the entire game one-armed. No matter what anyone from West Side may say, Laudato's effectiveness was severely hampered. Still, half a Dave Laudato was almost enough.

Laudato had sustained his injury after horsing around with one of his buddies, who just happened to be the school's three-time All-Western Mass. wrestling champ (Jim Pirro). In a mock wrestling match (on his birthday), Laudato found out he'd better stay with hockey and forget about messin' with guys like Pirro (unless they're on skates and in his goal-mouth).

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Remarkable Season For AHS Sextet

by Michael S. Sardella
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It was some season for the Agawam High hockey team. The Brownies had the kind of season that no one thought they could when it all started back in November. They did have three returning All-Western Mass. players - the best trio of players on any team in Western Mass.

But the Brownies had 10 sophomores on the team.

This inexperience combined with the fact that Agawam was wearing the WM crown pointed one way - a tough year. Although the locals faced opponents that wanted to knocked them off their pedestal every game, they kept their heads above water. AHS this year by no means was just "surviving."

Agawam was winning and winning consistently. The Brownies began the season with wins over Ludlow and Amherst. Then came a tie with a surprisingly-tough Minnechaug team for a 2-0-1 mark early in the year. Still, the Brownies were considered a third place team behind Berry Division powers Cathedral and West Springfield.

Regardless of this, the Brownies kept winning. They won four straight for a 6-0-1 record, and then came a big matchup with Cathedral. The Brownies staged an incredible comeback in this one and they walked-off with a well-deserved tie. So the agony of defeat had not yet bitten the locals.

The following game was a big, 4-2 win over rival West Springfield, and that improved the Brownies to 7-0-2. People began to realize that this team was again for real. Two more wins followed. Agawam was still undefeated going into early February, or until January 29th, that is.

On this night an opponent finally got the better of AHS. Minnechaug, that pesky group of Falcons, dealt the Brownies a 4-3 loss. But it didn't affect the locals the rest of the way as they won their final seven games to finish 16-1-2.

In the second-to-last game, the Brownies clinched their second straight Berry Division title with another 4-2 win over West Side. After beating Westfield in the season finale, the locals were 13-1-2 in the league. They had taken their second straight Berry Division title, which was supposed to belong to West Side.

Now the Brownies were the number one seed in the Western Mass. Division II Tournament. Only three teams qualified. West Side and Cathedral had to fight it out for the right to play AHS in the finals. West Side rose to the occasion and edged the Panthers to set-up a rematch of last year's final with AHS.

The title game was all that it was cracked-up to be. Like last year, overtime was needed to settle it. WS's Mike Reed scored his second goal of the game with 24 seconds left in overtime to give the Terriers a thrilling, come-from-behind 4-3 victory. The WMass crown was finally theirs.

The win also snapped a two-year, five-game losing skein against the Brownies. WS took full advantage of an unfortunate injury sustained by the Brownies All-Western Mass. goalie David Laudato. He cracked his collarbone five days before the title game. He just wasn't the same.

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Comp To Much For Brownies In Hoop Final, 70-49

by Michael S. Sardella
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' basketball team went into the Western Mass. Division I finals after rolling over Amherst Regional and pulling-out a tough win over Central High in the semi-finals.

But at the Springfield Civic Center last Saturday, March 12th, the Brownies ran into the area's hottest and strongest team, Chicopee Comp, and the locals' bubble burst in a 70-49 setback.

Comp, which improved to 21-2, got a career-high 25 points from center Chris Hamel who had the game of his life. Hamel was a menacing force on the inside as he got some big boards and also swatted away five Agawam shots. Still, many other shots launched by the cold-shooting Brownies were affected by his presence.

While Comp was demonstrating why it was the number one seed in the tournament, the Brownies never got on track. The result was one of their worst overall games of the season in losing to Comp for the third time in 1987-88.

"This was definitely one of our poorest efforts of the season," admitted a disappointed coach Mike Martin of AHS afterwards. "We're a much better team than what we showed in this game. It's not a true justice of how the guys can play. Although we were not the top seed, the year always ends on a down note if you don't go all the way after coming so far."

Martin went on to say that his troops ran into a very tough and efficient team. "Although I feel like they got most of the breaks, Comp did play an outstanding game," he says. "We have a tough time matching-up with them down low, and it really showed in this one. They exposed our weaknesses and did what they had to do to get the win."

Senior forward Jeff Peterson finished-off his schoolboy career with a 23-point effort. But it wasn't enough to hold off the balanced Comp attack, which

also got fueled with 16 points from forward Glen Bogdanovich, 9 from Phil Franklin, and 8 more from sophomore point guard Damon Franklin.

Junior John Serra followed Peterson's 23 with 7 markers, and seniors Jim Lockwood and Mike DiLullo chipped-in 6 each. But the Brownies offense wasn't executing the way it did during most of the season as they suffered their lowest scoring output of the year.

"It was a very frustrating game for us," lamented Peterson. "We just weren't hitting any of our shots."

Agawam played even with Comp in the early-going before Comp picked-up the pace and had 9-point lead after the opening eight minutes.

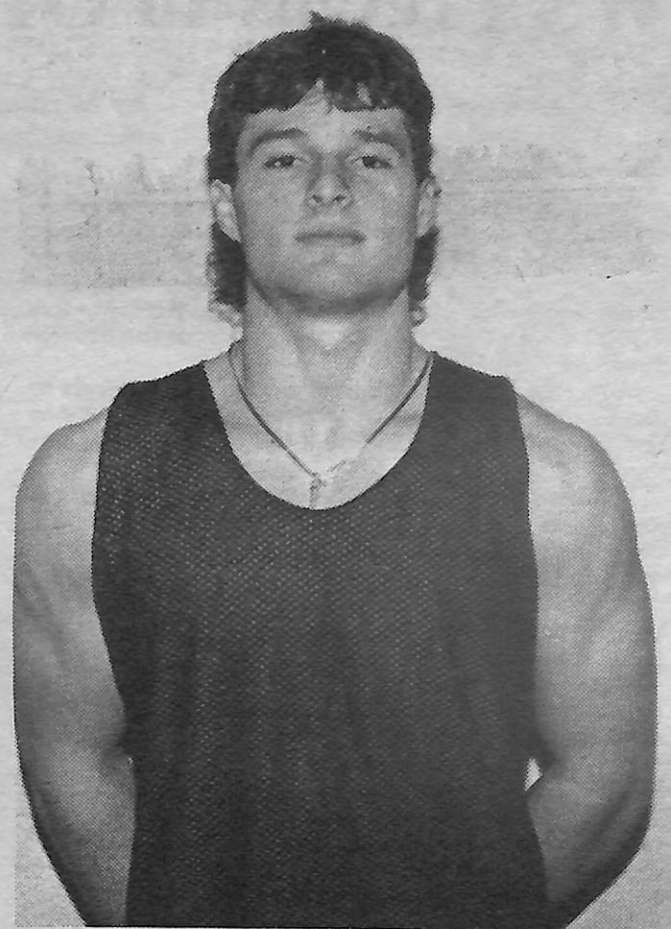
Peterson opened the game with a foul-line jumper 30 seconds in for a 2-0 lead after Comp was called for a 3-second lane violation. Peterson then made a steal and a nifty save which resulted in senior Chris Ollari being fouled. Ollari hit one of two foul shots for a 3-0 lead.

Comp's Bogdanovich nailed a jumper from the right corner and Damon Franklin converted a steal into a bucket for a 4-3 lead. Peterson buried a 6-footer to go up 5-4, and then he snagged a defensive board and raced coast-to-coast for a fast-break layup. 7-4.

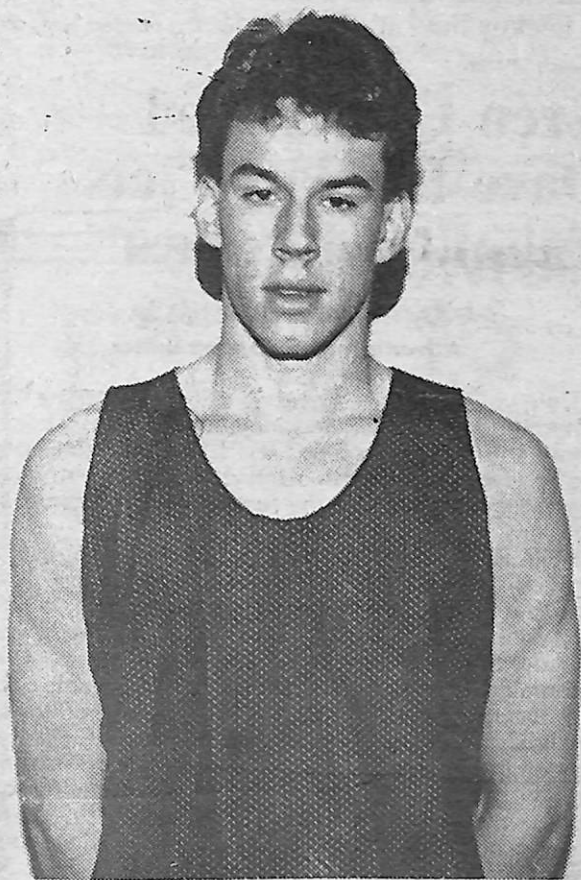
But Comp surged back with a 14-4 run in the next four minutes to take an 18-11 lead. They never trailed or were seriously threatened again. Damon Franklin sparked the spurt with all of his 8 points, including two 3-point bombs. Peterson and Lockwood had hoops for AHS in the last minute, but Comp's Hamel had two of his team's last three hoops, including a bucket with two seconds left. Comp lead comfortably, 24-15, over the suddenly gone cold Brownies after one period.

Agawam came out with Peterson, Serra, DiLullo, Jeff Reece, and sophomore Jason Wooley, and this contingent did the job in the opening three minutes of session two.

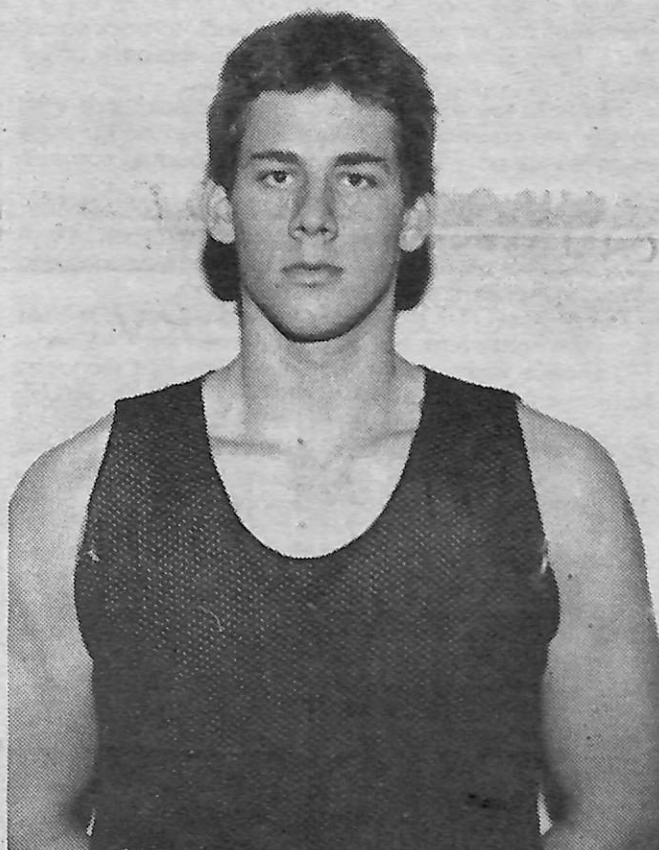
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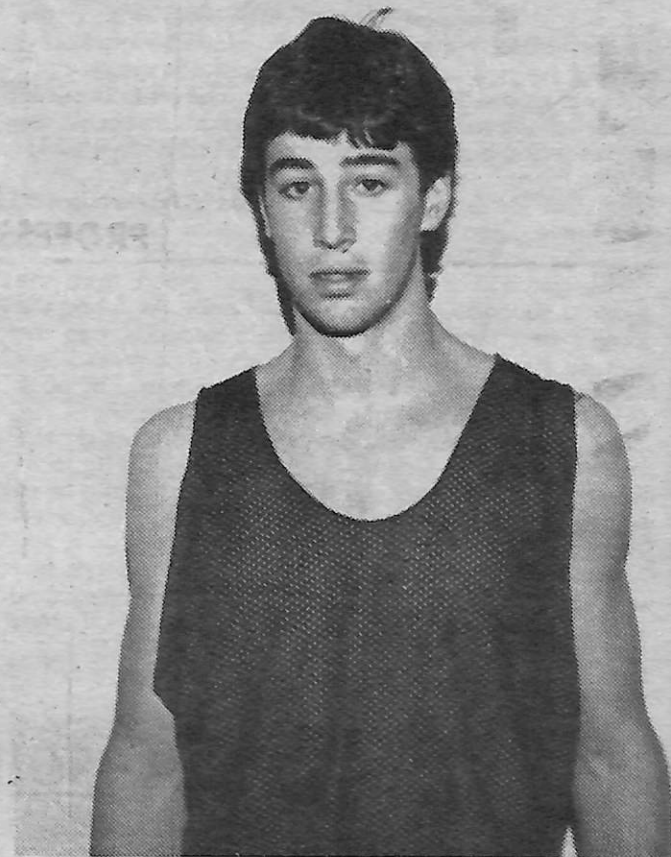
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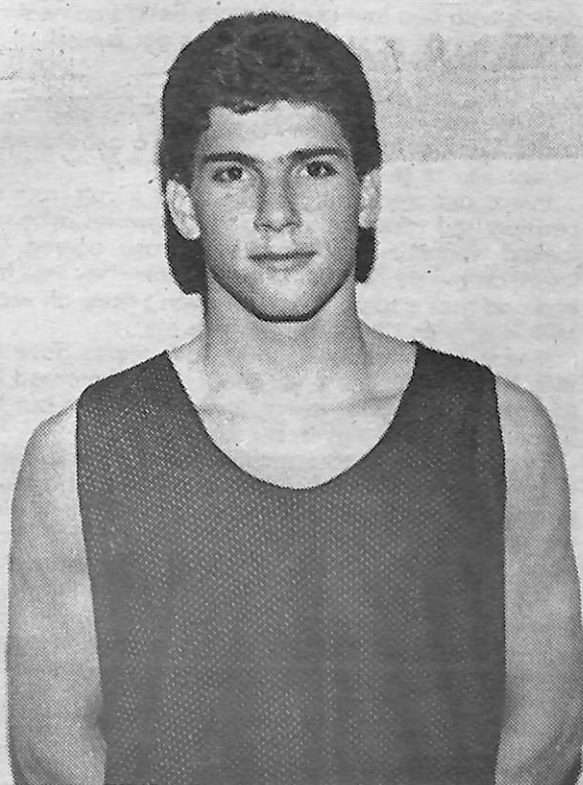
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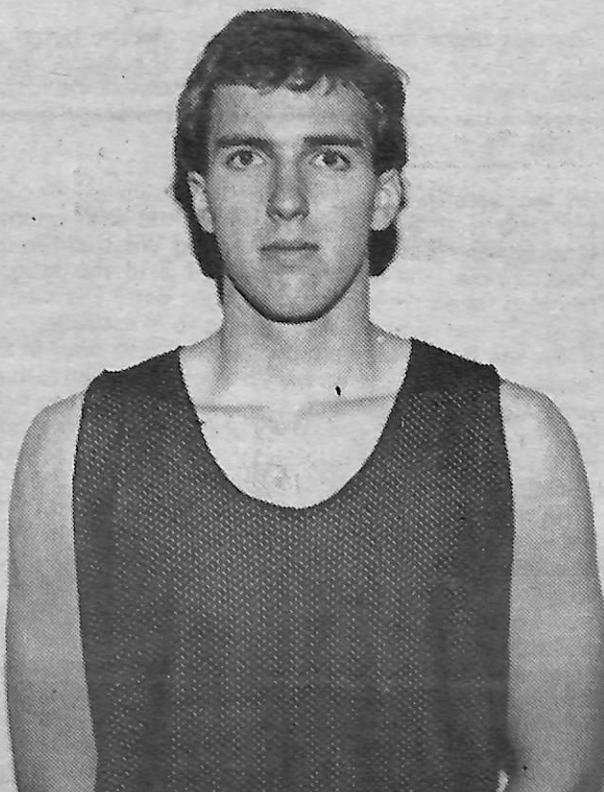
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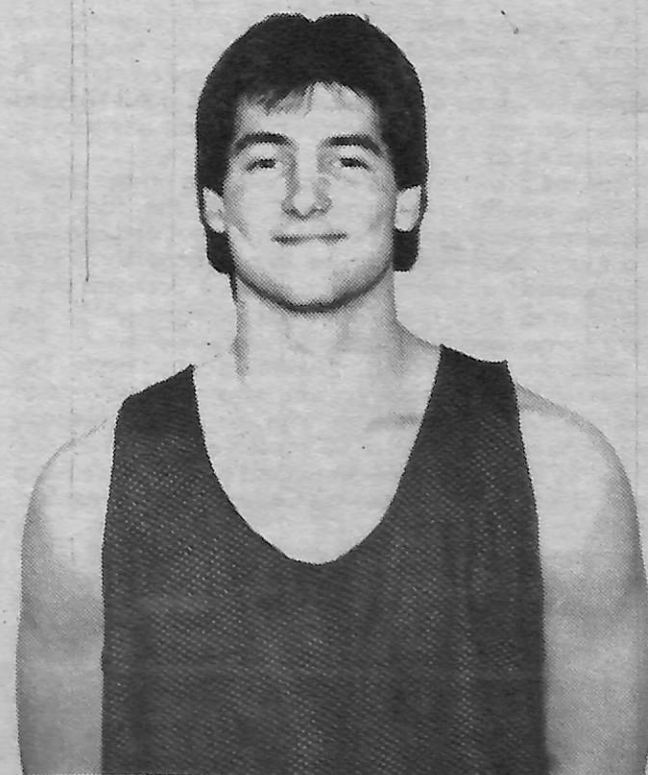
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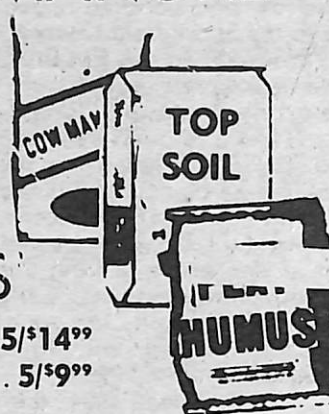
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When discussing the past season, coach Len Bruso says, "We had an outstanding year. No one expected us to be back in the finals but we did it. We proved to the league that we were the best in the division. We had three excellent individual players and a handful of role players who did an incredible job all year. It's unfortunate for it to end the way it did."

Having his best season in a Brownie hockey uniform was senior center Rick Parolo, who won the league scoring title with 30 goals and 20 assists (50 points). This output gave Parolo 134 total points (37 as a freshman and 40 points last year).

The superb season also makes Parolo a leading candidate for the "Bassone Award" for the season's most valuable player in the Berry Division.

Senior defenseman Dennis Punch will get consideration for the "Bassone Award" himself. He had his best season as well. From the backline Punch finished fifth in league scoring with 10 goals and 25 assists. He broke-up countless scoring opportunities by the opposition. He's a shoo-in for his second straight "1/4ed-die Shore Award" as the division's top backliner.

Agawam's third returning All-WM player is junior goalie David Laudato, who picked up all the wins for the locals this year while posting an impressive, 1.5 goals-against average. That was far better than any other netminder in the league.

One thing the Brownies will have to deal with next year is the fact that these three players will not be with the team in 1988-89. Parolo and Punch will be graduating, and Laudato appears ready to make his move to the Springfield Olympics of the New England Junior Hockey League. But Bruso is not worried.

"We were a pretty young team this year and we have some excellent players coming back next year," he notes. "I feel as though we'll be in pretty good shape."

The Brownies will also miss the much-improved Paul Karam (6-8-14 points) who is graduating too.

But back will be Tom Greene (13-19-32) and Mike Passirini (11-11-22) who teamed with Parolo to form the most dangerous scoring line in the region. Also back and surely improved will be sophomores Dave Noonan (6-7-13) and Dan Asselin (5-6-11), two role players this year who will play more prominent roles next season.

Others who played "roles" this year will expand their playing time and importance next season. These include a fine group that includes Brendan Blake, Dan Fugiel, Steve Jarvis, Mike Shea, Craig Pinkerton, Mike Keeney, and Bob Manning. The 10 sophomores this year will be veteran and more poised juniors in 1988-89.

And to think - four years ago this program didn't win a game.

LAUDATO - From Page 45...

Despite the injury, Laudato never had a doubt he would play in the title game. But he needed a doctor's okay - he got it. Then he needed his parents' okay. After much persuasion, the Laudatos agreed to allow their son to play.

Says Bruso, "I wasn't going to let him play without permission from his doctor and parents."

The injury limited Laudato's normally aggressive posture in the crease. His catching-glove was not the same. "One of the biggest problems for me was trying to cover-up the rebound. It was very frustrating for me," says Laudato.

And wouldn't you know it. West Side scored three time on rebounds, and the other was jammed in during a big goalmouth scramble of players. Still, Laudato still managed 45 saves, many of the spectacular variety.

Laudato offered no excuses, however. "I was just happy to be in there helping my team. We had our chance to win, but it wasn't meant for us, I guess."

"Dave wasn't too mobile and he was limited with his catching glove," adds Bruso, but he still had an outstanding game for us."

Laudato led the league with the lowest goals-against average, and undoubtedly will be named first-team All-Western Mass. again this year. There's no question who's the best goalie in this region again in 1987-88.

In sports, injuries are as much a part of the scheme of things as the games itself. In Laudato's case, he played and the team lost. West Side deserved to win, just as Agawam did.

Field Trips Along Conn. River

The Allen Bird Club is offering two field trips to find migrating waterfowl along the Connecticut River in late March and early April.

On Saturday, March 26th, the group will meet at 6:30 a.m., at the corner of Bark Haul Road and Route 5 (Longmeadow Street) in Longmeadow. Participants will carpool to the Connecticut marshes in South Windsor to look for migrating ducks such as wigeon, pintail, and teal, as well as early shorebirds such as snipe and killdeer. Information about this trip may be obtained by calling the trip leader, Seth Kellogg, in Southwick at 569-3335.

On Saturday, April 2nd, the public is again welcome to join members meeting at 7:00 a.m., at the Holiday Inn parking lot, located at the Ingleside Exit 15 off Interstate 91. Participants will carpool to waterfowl sites along the river in Holyoke, Hatfield, Hadley, and Gill. For further information, call trip leader Coleen Withgott in Longmeadow, 567-6782.



AN AGAWAM HIGH FORWARD BATTLES West Side defenseman for the puck in Western Mass. Division II finals. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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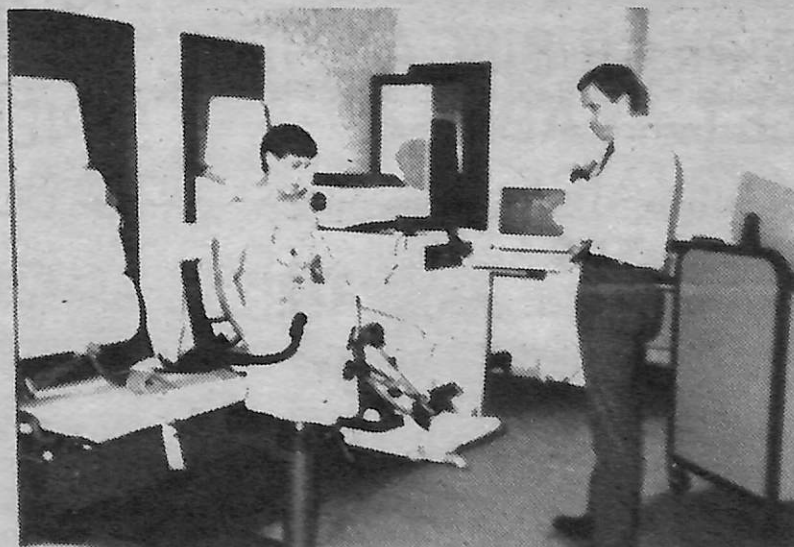
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Shocking St. Mike's Still Tri-Parish Round 3 Leader

St. Michael's continues to astound the bowling pundits at the Agawam Bowl by holding on to first place in Round Three of the Tri-Parish Bowling League. Also, the famous MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN took the league by storm in this fourth week of rolling in Round Three by launching a marvelous score of 354, shattering the Class B triple previously held by CHRIS STEPANIAN (319).

St. Michael did a number on Holy Cross (6th place-7 wins), three wins to one. St. Mike's winners were VENETTA SNYDER (294), JANICE MOCCIO (274), and MIKE O'CONNELL JR. (subbing for vacationing JOE RESCIGNO-312). Although HC captain GEORGE LAINE shelled St. Mike's captain MIKE O'CONNELL (330-292), O'Connell's teammates more than carried the load, much to the shock and dismay of Lane, who sports an average of 101.41.

The bye team this week was St. Anselm (10th place-6 wins), and they only managed two points (the bye-JINX continues). The only winners were AUDREY PHILLIPS (299) and FRANK CERPOVICZ (279). Captain VI MASSOIA could muster no better than a lowly 274.

Villanova (2nd place-12 wins) continued its good rolling by slapping Notre Dame (9th place-6 wins). ND is really having a disappointing round. Villanova winners were many, including MAYBETH COUGHLIN, who thrilled the gathering and her teammates with such a spectacular performance. Maybeth's 354 had

captain FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO, who fired a nifty 321 by the way, saying that if Maybeth keeps this up, she may be the team's new anchor bowler.

The other Villanova winner was STELLA BARBIERI. She fired a fine triple of 301. The Lordly Barber was particularly pleased with himself because he defeated one of his relatives - ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO (313). The best night on the lane for ND was by substitute TOM GEAGHAN (327).

Third place Fordham (11 wins) took three wins from last place St. Mary (3 wins). Fordham winners included KATHY CARVILL (292 in a substitute roll) and DEBBIE GEORGE (283). St. Mary's winners were JOHN MLINEK (317-284 over RENEE JURY), and substitute captain TONY KOZAK (296-289 over substitute Fordham captain KATHY PRZESZLO). Regular Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL is still recovering from her automobile accident, and St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI is still in sunny Florida. Kozak was sporting a bruise on his forehead due to a fall caused by ice on his driveway.

Round One and Round Two kingpins, St. Louis (4th place-10 wins) crept up the ladder by sweeping away last year's Grand Champions, Loyola (8th place-7 wins). It doesn't appear Loyola will be able to qualify

for the Grand Championships this year - the hole the team is digging is too deep.

St. Lou rolled its best of Round Three on this night. Leading off was CINDY KOZAK (284). Next up was JIM MCNAMEE, who fired a huge 341 at outgunned Rick Kozak (269). TOM BURR then managed to hold-off JEAN BUONICONTI (281-273), and finally, captain DEBBIE POIRIER is now the second leading roller in the entire league when she downed STEVE ROVITHIS, 307-286. Debbie now has an average of 106.55 while Rovithis is at 106.37.

Debbie was still crying in her beer because she says 307 just won't make it when the playoffs arrive; Rovithis was rolling his belly from all the pasta he ate at the UNICO macaroni dinner the day before.

In the final match of the night, Boston College (5th place-7 wins) clobbered lifeless Georgetown (7th place-7 wins), four wins to none. BC winners were JAY LAGODITZ (272), SANDY PRZESZLO (310), JIM BURLINGHAM (314-306 over CHERYL PRZESZLO, who held her own), and captain LARRY VIENS (303). Viens held-off the seething G-Town captain, AL MOC-CIO, who could do no better than a 300.

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STADIUM LIGHTS ASSOCIATION member Louis Cichetti (second from left) shows-off the special thermometer made by industrial arts students at Agawam High School. The sign can be seen at Harmon Smith Field from Mill Street. Also in photo are AHS faculty member Thomas Collins (left) and students Charissa Cartello, Vinnie Cremonti, and Jody Webster. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FUNERAL DIRECTOR PETER FORASTIERE of Colonial Funeral Home presents a donation to Stadium Lights Committee member Louis Cichetti. The donation will be put towards the erection of stadium lights at the Harmon Smith Football Field at AHS. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS BASKETBALL - From Page 46...

Peterson cut the lead to 24-17 with a foul-line jumper but Comp came back with three points (27-17). Serra then launched a 3-pointer that hit nothing but cord to cut the lead to 27-20. Wooley then got a fast-break hoop underneath on a feed from Peterson. Comp lead by 5 with five minutes left to the half.

Comp then outscored the Brownies 12-8 the rest of the way to take a nine-point lead to the lockerroom. After DiLullo hit a six-foot runner to make it 31-26, Reece collected his third foul of the game (he had two lousy calls in the first quarter), and Agawam's inside game was ailing.

Peterson paced the locals with 14 first half points, but the Colts had four players with 7 points or more.

Martin went with Peterson, Serra, DiLullo, Lockwood, and Wooley to start the third quarter. Things looked okay for the locals in the opening minute as Peterson converted a steal into a hoop to cut the lead to 39-32.

Comp then outscored the ice-cold Brownies, 13-4 the rest of the quarter for a 52-36 bulge.

It wasn't that Comp played all that well during this run - it was more Agawam playing miserable. The Brownies went 3-19 in the quarter from the floor and were laying bricks from all angles. It was reminiscent of the fourth quarter several weeks ago when Comp clinched the Valley Wheel title in a fourth quarter-inspired victory over AHS.

The Colts hit their first two shots to open the fourth quarter for a 56-36 lead and any chance of a big AHS comeback was gone.

Reece was charged with his fifth foul with 4:30 to go in finishing-out his last year in a Brownie' uniform. Meanwhile, Comp had outscored the locals by an 18-13 margin in the final quarter. 70-49.

Afterwards, even Comp coach Alex Vyce, now in his 19th year, was amazed at his team's efficiency. He had some words of consolation for the Brownies.

"We all know there isn't much of a gap between these two teams. There's no way we're this much better than Agawam. Agawam is a good team and it had a great season. We just had a better game in this one. They have nothing to be ashamed of," said Vyce.

"They're a great team," admitted Peterson. "I'd rather lose to them in the finals than anyone else."

Actually, the Brownies are a much deeper team than Comp, who went almost exclusively with its starting five the whole way. But when one team is mixing hot shooting with easy baskets and the other couldn't hit an ocean, the 21-point difference is no surprise.

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Riverside's Ben Dodge Hosts VIP Cocktail Party

Riverside Park Speedway's Ben Dodge, Jr., hosted his Third Annual Owners & Drivers VIP Free Pit Admission Cocktail Party, Tuesday, March 8th, at Valle's Steak House, Springfield.

This unique concept is an exclusive of Riverside Park Speedway that has made promoters and track operators cringe. Riverside is one of the only tracks in the country to permit free admission to the NASCAR Pits with a Riverside Drivers and Owners Club Membership Card. This card is a sponsored Photo ID license card like a state driver's license. Only drivers and owners that ran in 1987 or drivers and owners planning to run in at least five Riverside events in 1988 were permitted to join this free and exclusive club.

In addition to free pit entrance for events that their car is running, the VIP Club Card is good for discounts at major stores, parts stores, vacation, airline discounts, and much more, plus invitations to picnics at the park.

This program is the most controversial and unique concept in motor sports today. With over 150 cars signing up at the gala event, membership is now 300 owners and drivers. Part of the cost is picked up by sponsorship and the nationally-known programs of Riverside Park's, Ben Dodge, Jr. This March 8th event was also a pleasant setting to sign-up over 50 media people, from television, to radio, to print.

Riverside again is the leader in New England NASCAR racing. March 26th opens the 1988 season with Modifieds and Street Stock Divisions running the Eagle Snacks 100. It's family-priced at just \$8.99 for adults and \$2 for kids, eight years and under. Gates open at 5:00 p.m., with action starting at 6:30 p.m.

Town's Summer Camp To Begin Registration

Please Note: No registration will be taken before Monday, April 25th, 1988!

All programs offered on "first come-first served" basis. **No phone registrations.**

Registration for both youth and adult programs will be held daily, Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office, located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs. All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled. All programs are subject to change due to gymnasium availability and to participation.

All programs will be cancelled on any day that school is closed due to inclement weather. Notification will be placed on Radio Station W.M.A.S., both A.M. and F.M. If you are still in doubt, call the Recreation Office, 786-0400, extension 456 or 467.

Summer Day Camp—Perry Lane Park

The Town of Agawam, Parks and Recreation Department will once again organize and run a Summer Day Camp. The camp will be held at Perry Lane Park, which is located off of Mill Street in Agawam. This summer day camp will be held Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, July 5th, and ending Friday, August 19th. The camp will be available to all Agawam children 6½ to 15 years of age.

Registration forms will be available in the Parks and Recreation Office daily Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., beginning Monday, April 25th. The camp fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Registration will be taken until the camp has reach-

ed its maximum. Seven, three, and two week sessions will be offered.

Seven week session: July 5th to August 19th. Cost: \$150 with bus transportation; \$100 without.

Three week session: August 1st to August 19th. Cost: \$100 with bus transportation; \$60 without.

Two week session: July 11th to July 22nd; July 25th to August 5th; August 8th to August 19th. Cost: \$70 with bus transportation; \$40 without.

Three buses will run along the main routes in Agawam and Feeding Hills for those who wish transportation. Stops will be designated by the bus company depending on locations of the children registered. These routes will be printed in the *Agawam Advertiser News* the last week of June.

Your child will have to bring his/her lunch. There will be a snack bar available but only beverages, ice cream, chips, etc., will be served for a small fee. The park pool will be used daily. Please send your child with a swim suit and towel if you wish your child to use the pool. Swimming lessons will be offered at the pool during the morning hours, but the parent or guardian must request the lessons with the pool personnel.

The camp will offer a full slate of daily activities including tennis, arts/crafts, active and passive games, and instructional sports mini-camps. Field trips will be conducted on a weekly basis to The Rollaway, museum, movies, and other places of interest.

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GIRLS 8-11

Aldrich Insurance	9	1
Heritage Hall	7	3
Provin Mt. Farm	3	7
Collins Construction	1	9

BOYS 8-10

Dominic Morassi League

Village Lounge	9	1
Abbett Tax	8	2
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	7	3
Christy's Plumbing	6	4
Collegian Court	6	4
Christopher's Farm	5	5
Feeding Hills Pharmacy	5	5
Aldrich Insurance	2	8
Gino's Package Store	2	8
Curran Jones	0	10

BOYS 10-12

American

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Casa DiLisa	5	5
McCarthy Tile	3	7
Fether Inc.	0	10

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Westfield Savings Bank	8	2
Grimaldi & Burzdak	4	6
Polish Club	2	8

BOYS 13-15

Agawam Fire Fighters	8	2
Collins Construction	8	2
Lunden Construction	6	4
Consolidated Freightways	4	6
Lynn's Cleaners	4	6
Aldrich Insurance	0	10

Springfield Tennis Club To Elect New Officers

Springfield Tennis Club announces the formation of a nominating committee to select candidates to lead the club during 1988-89.

Those interested in the survival of good public clay courts are invited to apply for positions of: president, secretary, treasurer; and chairmen for the following activities: youth and adult instruction, tournaments, ladders, publicity, team tennis, telephone tree, and clerical.

Over the past eight years, Springfield Tennis Club has been the driving force which has worked with the Park Department to make the clay courts in Forest Park the first class attraction which they are.

The current president is leaving office effective at

the annual meeting March 28th. After eight years of holding the club together, he is stepping down with the fervent hope that other club members will see to it that our excellent record continues.

Any of the following members of the nominating committee will be glad to explain the training and support which members of the club will provide candidates for office: Ginny Nossal, 525-3022; Dick Puzzo, 733-2014; Art Wyatt, 786-1858.

Election of officers will be held Monday, March 28th, at 8:00 p.m., in the Scout Room, Faith United Church, Sumner at Fort Pleasant Avenues, Springfield. All who are interested in tennis are invited.

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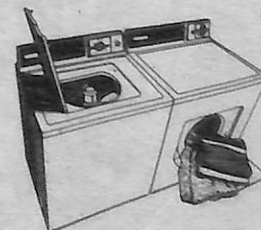
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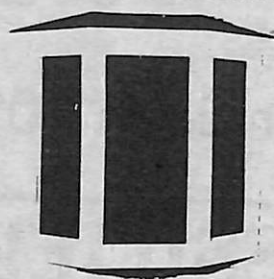
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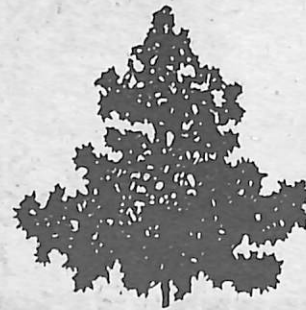
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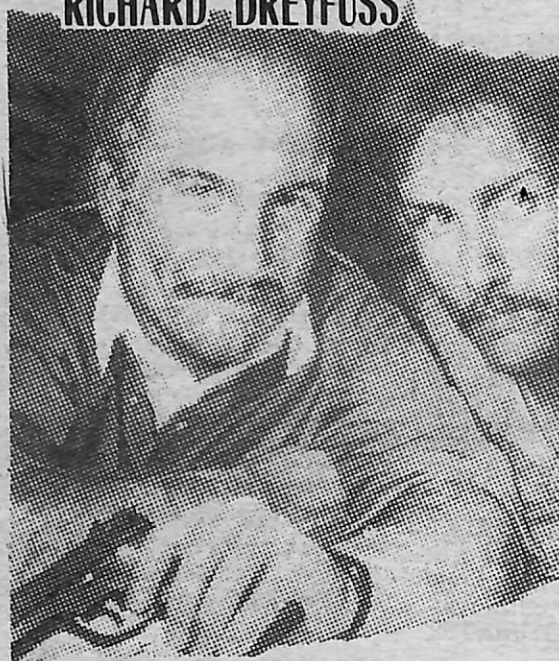


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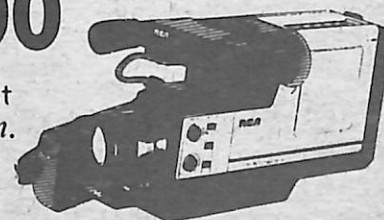
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